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Records of

LEWIS, MERIWETHER

and

KINDRED FAMILIES



*Genealogical Records of Minor,
Davis, Wells, Gilmer, and
Clark Families*

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LOUISA H. A. MINOR, 1833-1922
("AUNT LOU")

(Daughter of Samuel Overton Minor and Lydia Laurie Lewis. She was a granddaughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether, and a great-granddaughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. She was the author of "The Meriwethers and Their Connections," a family genealogy, published in 1892.)

Foreword

THE COMPILER of this work started to print a short record for the Lewis, Meriwether, and Minor families, and in the process found so many additional records that seemed to merit inclusion within the book that, like Topsy, it "just grewed."

I want to thank the many members of the families who have given permission to read old letters, records, and family keepsakes that have been kept for many generations. Particularly, I want to thank Mrs. Marie Naxera Meriwether of Louisiana, Missouri, for permission to copy from the originals, some of the letters written by Parson Douglas to his daughter, "Peggy" Douglas Meriwether; and also Mr. A. Huntington Patch of Asheville, North Carolina, for his patience and kindness in helping to correct many an error that might have slipped by in the record, and for his invaluable research on the early members of the Meriwether and Minor families. To many others who have furnished their own immediate family record, I am grateful.

To Nelson Heath Meriwether, owner of the Artcraft Press, Columbia, Missouri, my thanks for his interest in all the families listed, his constant letterwriting to the various members of all the families listed, and particularly for his generosity in making the book available.

My one desire has been to collect and preserve these old records for the generations to come, and in some small measure to carry on the wish of Aunt Lou Minor in making the record available to the families. It is my hope that the task is made somewhat easier and while no claim is made for infallibility as to the records, I have carefully consulted the many members of the family and have tried to make certain that all information presented is correct and it has been thoroughly checked—in most instances by the members of the families included in this undertaking. Some of the members have not been able to send complete data, and where this is the case, such incompleteness has been noted. Some branches of the families have not been included, but this is due solely to not being able to locate them, and this is largely only those members of the present generation. "As it is the commendation of a good huntsman to find game in a wild wood, so is it

no imputation if he hath not caught all." The fact that the published material is much larger than originally anticipated is proof of the interest of the many members of the family.

Finally, in dedicating this book to "Aunt Lou" Minor, I have sought to pay a belated tribute to one who held high the banner of ALL the families listed here. To me the work has been very interesting.

Lottie Wright Davis

Louisiana, Missouri
September 1951

Ancestors

Our first American Ancestor was Nicholas Martian—who came to America before October 1620. Col. George Reade came in 1637. Augustine Warner, the 1st, came in 1635. Augustine Warner, the 2nd, was born in Virginia in 1642—these four Ancestors of ours were also Ancestors of George Washington. Then, we have as Virginia Ancestors, Robert Lewis, of Belvoir, 1704-1766; Nicholas Meriwether, 1736-1772, (he helped to bear Braddock off the battlefield); Nicholas Meriwether, 1647-1744; Francis Thornton, 1682-1752; Francis Thornton, 1711-1749; Lieut. Col. Thomas Walker, Burgess, 1663; Thomas Walker, Burgess, 1732; Dr. Thomas Walker, of Castle Hill, 1715-1794, (explorer, soldier, legislator and patriot); John Lewis, 1635-1680; John Lewis, 1669-1725; and John Walker, Burgess from Warwick, 1644-5-6 and 1656. These fifteen ancestors each qualify us for membership in the Societies of The Colonial Wars and the Colonial Dames, and the names and records of all but John Walker are to be found entered in the Catalogue of the Society of Colonial Wars for 1922, in the list of APPROVED ANCESTORS.

APPENDIX

List of Colonial Ancestors and Citations showing
positions filled and services rendered.

Nicholas Martian

Born about 1591, died in Virginia, 1657, came to Virginia before 1620. (Hotten).

Virginia Mag. of Hist. & Biog. Vol. I, page 424.

Virginia Carolorum, page 93.

Hennings' Stat., Vol. I, pages 154-179-203.

See William and Mary Quart., Vol. I, page 82. (note)

See Fisk's Old Virginia and Her Neighbors, ch. IX.

Nicholas Martian's signature is shown in Tyler's Quarterly Hist. & Genealogical Mag., Vol. I, No. 4, April, 1920, page 233. (note)

Colonel George Reade

Virginia Carolorum, page 205.

Henning's Stat., Vol. I, page 358.

Virginia Carolorum, pages 263-353.

Campbell's History of Virginia, page 239.

Henning's Stat., Vol. I, pages 505-526.

Augustine Warner

Virginia Carolorum, pages 419-467.

Henning's Stat., Vol. I, pages 507-526.

Virginia Carolorum, page 353.

Campbell's History of Virginia, pages 239-244.

Augustine Warner (The Speaker)

Campbell's History of Virginia, page 281.

Henning's Stat., Vol. II, pages 340 and later.

Palmer's State Papers.

Major John Lewis, Sr.

Burgess.

Captain of Horse New Kent Militia.

Justice, 1675.

John Lewis, Jr.

Virginia Mag. of Hist. & Biog., Vol. II, page 1.

Virginia Mag. of Hist. & Biog., April number 1897, page 367.

Campbell's History of Virginia, page 393.

Spottswood Papers.

Colonel Robert Lewis, of Belvoir

Journal of House of Burgesses, 1744.

Nicholas Meriwether

Died 1744.

Virginia Mag. of Hist. & Biog., Vol. II, page 9.

Colonel Nicholas Meriwether, 1736-1772

Colonel of Virginia Regiment attached to Braddock's army and one of the three who carried Braddock off the field in 1755.

John Walker

Burgess from Warwick, 1644-5-6-56

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Walker

Virginia Carolorum, page 297.

Henning's Stat., Vol. II, pages 197-250.

(See Catalogue Society of Colonial Wars for 1922, page 506).

Thomas Walker
Burgess, 1732.

Dr. Thomas Walker

Led first exploring party in to Kentucky and Tennessee in 1748 and again in 1750, and named Cumberland River and Cumberland Gap.

Major of Virginia troops and present with Braddock at his defeat and death.

Adjutant of Frontier Counties, 1754.

Burgess, 1752-53-54-58-62-66-67-68-69-70-71-74-75. His name is on the granite shaft at Williamsburg as one of the rebellious Burgesses.

Commissioner from Virginia to attend Congress of Six Nations at Fort Stanwix, October 24 to November 5, 1768.

Commissioner to treat with Ohio Indians, October 1774, and was present at Fort Pitt and presided over the Conference held by Continental Commissioners from October 12 to 21, 1775.

Member of 2nd General Committee of Safety, 1775.

Member of Council of State for Virginia, 1777.

President of Commission to determine boundary between Virginia and North Carolina, in 1778.

Guardian of Thomas Jefferson.

Francis Thornton

Virginia Hist. Register

See Catalogue of Society of Colonial Wars for 1922, page 474.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis Thornton

See Catalogue of Society of Colonial Wars for 1922, page 474.

Colonel Nicholas Lewis, of Revolutionary Times

Colonel of Regiment of Virginia Militia, 1776, and Captain of Virginia Minutemen in Revolutionary War.

Our ancestors left Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, to come to Missouri. Walker Gilmer Meriwether and his wife came first, in 1832—bought a large tract of land—many thousand acres—built their home and named it “Aberdeen.” [According to family history, supplied by several members of the Meriwether family and in conversations with Louisa H. A. Minor, author of “The Meriwethers” I am of the opinion that Walker Gilmer Meriwether

and his brother Dr. Fontaine Meriwether came to Missouri while it was still a territory and lived on a portion of the immense tract of land they had purchased jointly. The date given for their residence in Missouri Territory is 1819-1821. The reason given for their residence here was to properly authenticate their title to this land by being residents within the territory which was to become a state. After having established title and proper ownership the two brothers returned to Virginia, and then returned to Missouri with their families in 1835. Another reason for believing that both brothers came to Missouri in 1835 is that of family records which show that my grandfather, Heath Jones Meriwether, was born in Virginia February 23, 1834, and the records in the family as well as personal history to his children was to the effect that he was a child a few months old when the family left Virginia. The history as handed down by Louisa Rebecca Meriwether (Winn) was that her brother Heath Jones Meriwether was a baby when the family started to Missouri. Also that her grandfather, Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and his brother, Walker Gilmer Meriwether, and their family and slaves all came to Missouri at the same time . . . and that the immense tract of land—50,000 acres of land was at that time located within Pike County—and that later this land was divided between Dr. Fontaine and Walker Gilmer Meriwether, roughly about half and half. Dr. Fontaine Meriwether had about 25,000 acres of land, and this passed to his children. The mother of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Walker Gilmer Meriwether—Rebecca Terrell Meriwether—came with them to Pike county. Her husband, Nicholas Hunter Meriwether, died in Virginia. She lived to an advanced age and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Lincoln County.—Nelson Heath Meriwether, April 1951.] When the other relatives came to Missouri—he sold them parts of this land for their homes. In the fall of 1834, a large immigration of relatives left Virginia in covered wagons drawn by oxen teams and many riding horseback, crossed over the Cumberland Mountains through the Cumberland Gap. They stopped off in Kentucky for the winter months—and on to Missouri in the spring of 1835. Among this immigration of relatives were the families of Meriwethers', Lewis', Minor's, Clark's, Davis', and Wells'—men—women—children and the many Darkey slaves. The eldest relative among them was Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis, the widow of Thomas Walker Lewis. She was the mother and Grandmother of most of this group. She never returned to Virginia but lived to be a very old lady and is

buried in the old Lewis family cemetery "Elmwood" about three miles south of Eolia. Later the families of Carter, Carr, and Bankhead came from Virginia to Pike County. All these people missed their church. They had been Episcopalians for generations, but there was no church of that faith in Pike County. At first they held services in their homes, but in 1855, they built St. John's Episcopal Church at Prairieville, Eolia, Missouri, which still stands and is the oldest Episcopal church building west of the Mississippi River and is supported by the descendants of the old families.

P. S. These notes were taken from a book "In the Days of Long Ago" written by George Montgomery Block—born in 1856 at "Aberdeen" Pike County, Missouri. Died in 1940 at St. Louis, Missouri.

Family Record

No. 1.—Nicholas Meriwether, “the Welshman,” of Wales, and his wife, Elizabeth Woodhouse, were the parents of

No. 2.—Nicholas Meriwether, the first in America, came to Virginia in 1667, and married Elizabeth Crawford, in 1673. Their son,

No. 3.—Col. David Meriwether, married Anne Holmes. Their son,

No. 4.—Thomas Meriwether, married Elizabeth Thornton, daughter of Col. Francis Thornton, Jr., and Mary Taliaferro (See notes concerning Thornton family in back of this book.) Their son, No. 5, below, married Margaret Douglas.

(It should be noted here that Elizabeth Thornton, above, was a sister of Mildred Thornton, who married 1st, Nicholas Meriwether (son of the first Nicholas Meriwether and wife, Elizabeth Crawford.) Mildred Thornton Meriwether, the widow, married 2nd, Dr. Thomas Walker.)

Note—Thomas Meriwether and his wife Elizabeth Thornton were the Grandparents of Meriwether Lewis. Their daughter, Lucy Meriwether, married William Lewis. Their son, Meriwether Lewis, was private secretary to Thomas Jefferson when he was President of the U. S. and Mr. Jefferson appointed him leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804 to explore the Northwestern Territory that the U. S. had bought from France in 1803. Meriwether Lewis was born at “Locust Hill”—the Lewis family home near Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, and were near neighbors of Mr. Jefferson. When Mr. Jefferson wanted Meriwether Lewis to come to “Monticello”—he would signal by reflecting a mirror in the sun towards “Locust Hill.” Meriwether Lewis was murdered and robbed of his money, watch and valuable papers in 1809 as he was crossing through Tennessee on a trip to Virginia from St. Louis and he is buried there in what is now Lewis County, Tennessee, where a monument was erected in his memory in 1848. He was Governor of the Territory of Louisiana from 1806 until his death. The watch that was stolen when he was murdered was afterwards found in a pawn shop in New Orleans. This watch, his

revolver, diary, compass and many other articles that he used on the Western Expedition are now in Jefferson Memorial in St. Louis—given to the memorial by Dr. Anderson of Virginia, who is a great-great grandson of Jane Lewis Anderson—a sister of Meriwether Lewis.

Thomas Meriwether—the Grandfather of Meriwether Lewis was the great-grandson of Nicholas, the 1st., born in Wales in 1600—died there in 1678—and “Nicholas the Welshman” is the first of the Meriwether family that we have any record of. He was greatly grieved when King Charles I was beheaded. So when Charles II became King of England, he gave Nicholas 1st a large grant of land in Virginia in 1667. Eleven years before the death of Nicholas(1), Nicholas(2) came to Virginia and settled on his father’s land grant. Nicholas(2) was the first of the name in America and all that bear the name Meriwether in the United States are his descendants. Nicholas(2) was born in Wales in 1647 and died in Virginia in 1744. He married Elizabeth Crawford of Virginia.

- No. 5.—Col. Nicholas Meriwether—son of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton—(born in Virginia 1736—died in Va. 1772). Col. Meriwether is buried at “Clover Fields” one of the Meriwether family homes near Keswick, Albemarle County, Virginia—and it is still owned by relatives—*Wed*—Margaret Douglas in 1760—she was the daughter of Parson William Douglas, an Episcopal minister—who was born in Scotland in 1708 and was educated there. He was a member of the noted Douglas family of Scottish history. The Douglas family homes were “Bothwell Castle” and the great fortress “Tantallon Castle” in East Lothian built in the 14th Century by the Douglas family—its ruins are still standing. Parson Douglas came to America when a young man and taught school. Three of his pupils afterwards became Presidents of the United States—namely, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe. He returned to Scotland where he was ordained a minister and married Miss Nicholas Hunter—a niece of Dr. John Hunter, a noted surgeon of Edinburgh. Their daughter, Margaret, was born in Scotland but came to America with her parents when very young. The father of Parson Douglas wrote the old song “Annie Laurie.” Annie Laurie was a relative of the Parson’s wife—the book “The Tree of Liberty” (a best seller in 1938) contains some

true historical facts about Parson Douglas. [This is apparently where the Meriwether family picked up the "temper," later described as a "fast burn." We have to blame it on someone.—Nelson Heath Meriwether (1951)].

No. 6.—Elizabeth Meriwether (born 1771) daughter of Col. Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas—*Wed*—Thomas Walker Lewis (in 1788). They were the parents of ten children—Thomas Walker Lewis died in Virginia. His widow came to Missouri in 1835—lived to be a very old lady and is buried at "Elmwood" in the Lewis family cemetery. Their children:

1. Nicholas Hunter Lewis—*Wed*—Anne Meriwether—buried at "Elmwood."
2. Margaret D. Lewis—*Wed*—Major James Clark—buried at Clark Cemetery.
3. Mary Walker Lewis—*Wed*—James Leitch; 2nd Capt. David Anderson.
4. Lydia Laurie Lewis—*Wed*—Samuel Overton Minor. She died in Virginia—he died in Missouri—buried at "Elmwood."
5. Thomas Meriwether Lewis—*Wed*—Emeline Weymer—buried at "Elmwood."
6. Charles Thornton Lewis—*Wed*—Mary Quarles—lived and buried at St. Joseph, Missouri.
7. Elizabeth Lewis—*Wed*—John Wells—buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Lincoln County, Missouri.
8. Alice Thornton Lewis—*Wed*—John Winn Davis—both are buried at St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Eolia, Missouri.
9. Jane Warner Lewis—*Wed*—Walker Gilmer Meriwether—both are buried at "Aberdeen" near Eolia, Missouri.
10. Robert Walker Lewis—*Wed*—Sarah Cravens—always lived in Virginia.



LEWIS COAT OF ARMS

Lewis Family Record

A legend claims the English family of Lewis were descendants of the French kings (Louis) but the first of the family that we have any record of is General Robert Lewis of Wales.

No. 1.

General Robert Lewis—an officer in the British Army—born in Brecon Wales 1607—came to America on the ship “Blessing” in 1635—died between 1645 and 1650. He brought with him a grant from the king for 33,333-1/3 acres of land, located in that portion of York County, which is now included in the county of Gloucester, Virginia. He wed Elizabeth ——— (last name unknown). After his death, his widow (Elizabeth) wed Major Langley or Longley. General Robert Lewis and wife had two sons—William Lewis and John Lewis.

No. 2

William Lewis—son of General Robert Lewis and Elizabeth ——— died without issue, so his share of his father’s property was inherited by his brother, John.

Capt. John Lewis, 1st—born 1640—wed 1666—Isabella Warner of “Warner Hall”—issue—one son, John Lewis, 2nd.

No. 3

Col. John Lewis, 2nd—born 1669—died 1725—(he was called “Councilor John”)—wed his first cousin Elizabeth Warner—daughter of Augustine Warner and Mildred Reade. Elizabeth Warner was the great aunt of George Washington.

Col. John Lewis, 2nd and wife Elizabeth Warner—were the parents of fourteen children. We only have record of three sons—namely—John, 3rd—Charles, 1st—Robert, 2nd—and one daughter, Isabella. She married Dr. Thomas Clayton, July 14, 1720. They had one daughter, Juliana Clayton.

No. 4.

John Lewis 3rd—born 1692—eldest son of John Lewis, 2nd and Elizabeth Warner, wed Frances Fielding—issue five children. We only have record of one son, Fielding Lewis.

Fielding Lewis (called the “Gunmaker of the Revolution”) was the second son of John Lewis, 3rd and Frances Fielding. He wed 1st—

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1745—Catherine Washington—daughter of John Washington and Catherine Whiting and first cousin of George Washington. After her death—Fielding Lewis wed 2nd time in 1750—Betty Washington—born 1733—only sister of George Washington. Fielding L. and Betty Washington were closely related—as his grandmother and great-grandmother were Miss Warner's and George and Betty Washington's grandmother was Mildred Warner. Fielding Lewis inherited the old Fielding homestead "Kenmore" Fredericksburg, Virginia, which was his and wife Betty W.'s home. It is a very lovely colonial mansion and is still one of the show places of Virginia.

Charles Lewis 1st of "the Byrd Plantation"—born 1696—second son of "Councilor John" Lewis and Elizabeth Warner—wed May 28, 1717—Mary Howell—daughter of John Howell. They had ten children. We only have record of one son, Charles, 2nd.

Charles Lewis 2nd of "Buckeye Land" plantation—wed—Mary Randolph—

issue: Charles Lewis, 3rd

Mary Randolph Lewis

Charles Lewis 3rd, son of Charles Lewis 2nd of "Buckeye Land Plantation" and Mary Randolph—wed Lucy Jefferson, a sister of Thomas Jefferson. Issue: Randolph Lewis.

(Note) The late Dr. Charles Lewis Bankhead of Clarksville was named for one or both of the Charles Lewis's mentioned above. The Bankhead families are descendants of the Randolph and Jefferson families.

Mary Randolph Lewis—daughter of Charles Lewis 2nd of "Buckeye Land" and Mary Randolph, wed her cousin—Charles Lewis—he was the third son of Col. Robert Lewis of "Belvoir" and Jane Meriwether.

Frances Lewis—daughter of Charles Lewis, 1st "The Byrd Plantation" and Mary Howell—wed her first cousin Robert Lewis—5th son of Col. Robert Lewis of "Belvoir" and Jane Meriwether.

Col. Robert Lewis of Belvoir—born 1704—third son of "Councilor" John Lewis and Elizabeth Warner—wed 1725—Jane Meriwether. She was the daughter of Nicholas Meriwether(2) and Elizabeth Crawford. This was the first marriage between the Lewis and Meriwether families. Col. Robert Lewis and wife, Jane Meriwether, had eleven children. (After his wife died, Col. Robert Lewis married 2nd, the widow of Thomas Meriwether, Elizabeth Thornton. There were no children of this marriage).

No. 5

Issue of Col. Robert Lewis and Jane Meriwether, eleven children:

- (1) John Lewis—born 1726—wed Catherine Fauntleroy.
- (2) Nicholas Lewis—born 1728—wed Mary Walker—born July 24, 1742. She was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Walker and Mildred Thornton (Meriwether).

Mildred Thornton—wed first Nicholas Meriwether 3rd, a wealthy land owner of Virginia. They had one daughter, Mildred T. Meriwether who married John Syme, an educated, traveled gentleman who was a half-brother of Patrick Henry (patriot and early Governor of Virginia). After Nicholas 3rd's death, his widow, Mildred Thornton Meriwether wed Dr. Thomas Walker. Through this marriage he came into possession of the "Castle Hill" estate of 11,000 acres near Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia. Castle Hill is still owned by relatives.

During the Revolutionary War—Gen. Tarleton and a number of troops rode up to "Castle Hill" and ordered Dr. Walker and wife to prepare breakfast for them. Tarleton was on his way to Charlottesville to capture Thomas Jefferson and other law makers meeting there, a fact which Dr. Walker well knew, so while Mrs. Walker ordered the darkey cooks to be slow in preparing breakfast, Dr. Walker was busy mixing mint juleps for Gen. Tarleton and his troops. A messenger was sent to warn Mr. Jefferson the British were coming. Mr. Jefferson and the law makers rode out of Charlottesville as the British rode in. This was a wild horseback ride for the messenger—a man named Capt. Jack Jouett. There is a brass marker on the porch floor at Monticello where he stood when he delivered this message from Dr. Walker to Mr. Jefferson.

- (3) Charles Lewis—born 1729—wed his cousin, Mary Lewis, daughter of Charles Lewis 2nd of "Buckeye Land" and Mary Randolph.
- (4) Col. William Lewis—born 1730—wed his second cousin, Lucy Meriwether (daughter of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton).

Col. William Lewis and wife, Lucy Meriwether were the parents of Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. One day in 1780 when Meriwether Lewis was a child of seven, his father, Col. William Lewis, started on horseback to rejoin his command under George Washington at Yorktown—he had to cross the Rivanna river that was swollen by heavy rains. Col. Lewis was forced to swim his horse across; thoroughly drenched, he stopped at Clover Fields intending to go on the next morning—but pneumonia set in and two days later he

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died. When he was dying he asked to be buried in the Meriwether Cemetery at Clover Fields. His own home "Locust Hill" was only ten miles away, but with British troops about, bad roads and no bridge over the Rivanna river, it was difficult to transport a body even ten miles. He was buried beside the grave of Nicholas Meriwether, 5th, who was his brother-in-law. The lettering on the white marble stone at his grave can still be read as follows:

"Lieut. Wm. Lewis—1748-1780

Va. Military—Con't'l Line—Rev. War."

- (5) Robert Lewis 3rd—born 1738—wed his first cousin, Frances Lewis—daughter of Charles Lewis 1st of the "Byrd Plantation" and Mary Howell.
- (6) Jane Lewis—born—wed her cousin Thomas Meriwether; wed 2nd Major John Lewis of "Byrd Plantation."
- (7) Ann Lewis—born—wed her cousin John Lewis—This John Lewis was known as "The Honest Lawyer"—he was born in Spottsylvania County, Virginia—son of Zachary Lewis and Mary Waller.
- (8) Mildred Lewis—born—wed her cousin Major John Lewis, son of Joseph Lewis of Goochland County, Virginia.
- (9) Sarah Lewis—born—wed her cousin Dr. Waller Lewis, son of Zachary Lewis of Spottsylvania County, Virginia, and Mary Waller.
- (10) Elizabeth Lewis—born—wed Rev. Robert Barrett of Richmond, Virginia.
- (11) Mary Lewis—born—wed Samuel Cobbs of Louisa County, Virginia.

RECORD OF NICHOLAS LEWIS AND MARY WALKER LEWIS

Mary Walker was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Walker of Castle Hill and Mildred Thornton (Meriwether). This Lewis home was called "The Farm." It was a place of comfort and beauty—surrounded by a garden of roses, shrubs and fine fruit. During the Revolutionary war, General Tarleton passed by and raised his hands in admiration and exclaimed "What a Paradise" and from that time on, she was known among her friends and neighbors as "Mrs. Paradise Lewis." Her other nickname was "Capt. Molly"—because of her strict discipline of her children, household and family. Family tradition says that even "Col. Nick," her husband, although he could whip the British—obeyed his



LUCY MERIWETHER

(Wife of Capt. William Lewis, mother of Meriwether Lewis, the leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. She was a daughter of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton.)



MERIWETHER LEWIS

(He was appointed leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by President Thomas Jefferson, whom he had served for three years as private secretary, and later was Governor of the Louisiana Territory until his death in 1809. He was a son of Lucy Meriwether and Capt. William Lewis, and was a grandson of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton.)

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wife, "Capt. Molly." The poor and afflicted who came to her were extended kindness and help. She was a splendid nurse and took many of the sick and wounded American and British soldiers into her home and nursed and cared for them. A British officer who had been kindly cared for in the Lewis home, planted a small tulip tree on the top of a hill overlooking the Rivanna river and requested Mrs. Lewis if he died in Virginia, to bury him there. The grandmother, true to her promise, had him buried there with the tree as a headstone. This was the first grave in the Lewis Family cemetery near Charlottesville, Virginia. Nicholas Lewis and wife Mary Walker were the parents of twelve children:

No. 6

- (1) Jane Walker Lewis, born 1759, wed Hudson Martin. Issue, eight children.
- (2) Mildred Walker Lewis, born 1761, wed David Wood. Issue, eight children.
- (3) Thomas Walker Lewis—born 1763—died 1807—wed 1788—his 5th cousin Elizabeth Meriwether—only daughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. She was a granddaughter of Rev. William Douglas (see record of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether). Issue, ten children.
- (4) Mary Lewis—born 1765—wed Isaac Miller of Kentucky. Issue, two children.
- (5) Nicholas M. Lewis—born 1767—died 1818—wed Mildred Hornsby of Williamsburg, Virginia. They left Virginia and moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Issue, two children.
- (6) Elizabeth Lewis—born 1769—wed 1788—William Douglas Meriwether of "Clover Fields," Keswick—Albemarle County, Virginia. He was the eldest son of Nicholas Meriwether 5th and Margaret Douglas. Issue, seven children. "Clover Fields" is now owned by a Miss Randolph—a descendant of William D. Meriwether and wife, Elizabeth Lewis.
- (7) Alice Thornton Lewis, born 1771, died young.
- (8) Robert Warner Lewis, born 1774.
- (9, 10, and 11) Frances T. Lewis, born 1776; John P. Lewis, born 1778; Charles Lewis, born 1783. All died young.
- (12) Margaret Lewis—born 1785—wed 1st, Charles Lewis; wed 2nd, Charles L. Thomas.

No. 6—cont'd

RECORD OF THOMAS WALKER LEWIS AND
ELIZABETH MERIWETHER

Thomas Walker Lewis died in Virginia 1807—is buried in Lewis family cemetery near Charlottesville, Virginia. His widow, Elizabeth Meriwether, came to Missouri with seven of her children and their families and arrived in the Spring 1835. Lydia Laurie Lewis (Mrs. Samuel O. Minor) died August 8, 1833 before these ancestors left Virginia in 1834. That only left Mary Walker Lewis (Mrs. Leitch-Anderson) and the youngest child, Robert Walker Lewis, of "Elmwood" and when the children of her daughter came west with their father (Samuel O. Minor) who soon died, their grandmother gave them a home. Grandma Lewis was born at "Clover Fields" Feb. 24, 1771—died April 17, 1855, and is buried in the Lewis family cemetery at her old home "Elmwood" a few miles south of Eolia. This farm and cemetery is now owned by her great-great grandson, Francis Thornton Meriwether. She was the youngest child and only daughter of Nicholas Meriwether(5) and Margaret Douglas. She was the mother of ten children—as follows:

No. 7

- (1) Nicholas Hunter Lewis—wed his first cousin Nancy Terrell Meriwether, daughter of Nicholas Hunter Meriwether and Rebecca Terrell. She was a sister of Walker G. Meriwether of Aberdeen and Dr. Fontaine Meriwether of North Lincoln County.

Issue, two daughters: Susan H. Lewis, who married Nicholas Peter Minor, and had one son, Lewis Minor, who was killed in an accident. Their second daughter was Lydia Laurie Lewis.

Lydia Laurie Lewis wed Hon. Peter Carr—who was one of the best educated men in Pike County of his day—a polished gentleman of some wealth. He was a devout Episcopalian and a charter member of St. John's Episcopal church giving of his means and time towards its erection in 1855. The large Bible that he gave has been used these last 95 years. He died before the Civil War and is buried at "Elmwood." His widow was strong in her sympathies for the Southern cause and was banished from Missouri by the Federal authorities and escorted into the Confederate lines into Kentucky. The hard-

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ships of her imprisonment and banishment brought on a disease of the heart and she died before the end of the war and is buried in Kentucky. The following is a poem she composed and sent to the mother of Captain Sylvester B. Penny when he was killed in the early months of the war:

IN MEMORY

Mother! raise thy drooping head
 Bowed beneath the heavy blow,
Which has crushed thy bleeding heart
 As it laid thy noble son low;
Look beyond death's gloomy wave,
 Mother, raise thy head in pride!
For his name is hallowed now,
 'Twas for liberty he died.
Father! though thy son was lost
 In the summer of his days,
Listen to the thronging voice
 Of a Nation's grateful praise;
Thine the sacrifice and tears
 Sadly laid on Freedom's shrine,
But his immortality,
 And his glory, too, are thine!
Sisters! though thy loving tones
 Cannot wake him from his sleep,
Cannot thrill his pulse again,
 Gentle sisters, do not weep;
For the land for which he died
 Claims her loved ones as her own,
Leads them to the patriot's grave
 Where a Nation's heart shall mourn.
Gallant Soldier! rest in peace!
 With the green sod on thy grave,
Till the marble shaft upreared
 Points us to the True and Brave!
Little need! for every heart
 Cherishes his noble name
Linked with proud immortal words
 Graven there by Love and Fame.

Note—Capt. Penny was a great-uncle of this writer, Mrs. J. D. Davis.

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The late Samuel O. Minor of Eolia served under Captain Penny and was only seventeen at that time. While at home for a visit after having fought in several battles and skirmishes, the Yankees came to his father's house searching for him—with no time to leave or hide—he jumped into the trundle bed with the younger children of the family—and looking so small, young and harmless—the Yankees were completely fooled. He then rejoined his regiment and fought until the end of the war.

- (2) Margaret Douglas Lewis, born July 9, 1791. Married Maj. James Clark. Issue, six children:
1. Anne M. Clark, married Richard Watson. They were the parents of seven children.
 2. Ellen Clark, who married 1st, Edward B. Hull, and had issue of one son: Col. E. B. Hull, who married Lizzie Chambers, and they had four children. (Note: Lizzie Chambers Hull was the author of the official state song of Missouri, and was a sister of Mary Chambers, who married Capt. Archie Bankhead.) Ellen Clark married 2nd, Andrew Cochran.

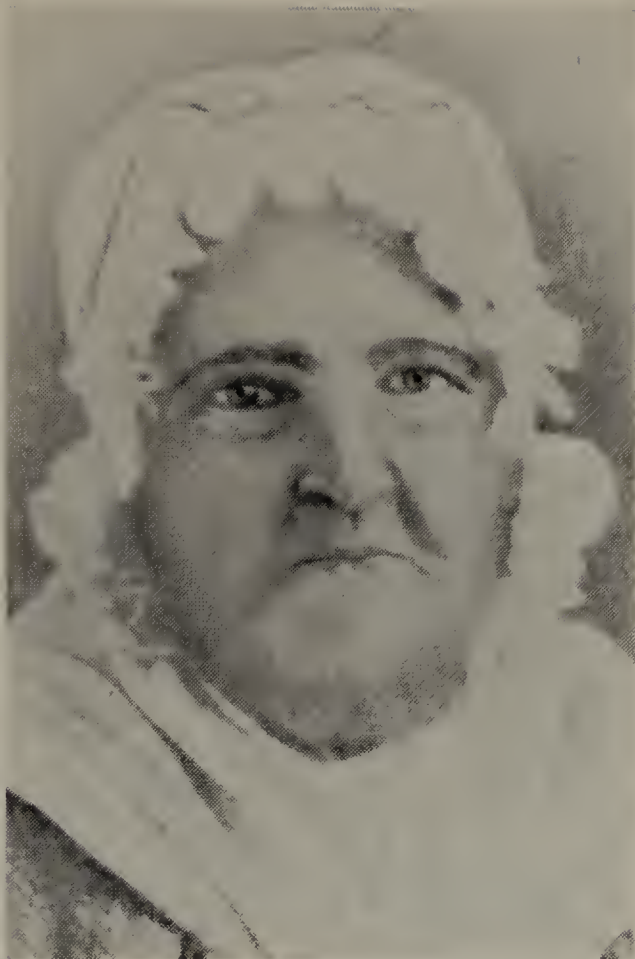
RECORD OF ELLEN CLARK

Ellen Clark (daughter of Margaret Douglas Lewis and Major James Clark), married, 1st, Edward B. Hull. They had one son, E. B. Hull (Colonel in Confederate War). Col. Hull married Lizzie Chambers. Their issue: Nellie, Edward, Isabel, Elizabeth. Ellen Clark Hull married, 2nd, Andrew Cochran. Issue of second marriage:

1. Margaret Douglas Cochran, who married Frank E. Block. Issue: Frank C., Jr., Charles, Nellie, Bates, Lucretia, Isabel, Hamilton.
2. Catherine Cochran, who married Robert F. Waters. Issue: Lena, Anna, Ben, Margaret Douglas.
3. Ellen J. Cochran, who married R. B. Campbell. Issue: Ellen Douglas Campbell.
4. Eliza J. Cochran, who married Dr. Wm. L. Weems. Issue: Margaret Douglas, Andrew, Dean.
5. Sarah Ann Cochran—born Aug. 21, 1852, married Dr. J. A. Knox, June 13, 1872.



THOMAS WALKER LEWIS
(Son of Nicholas Lewis and Mary Walker. He was a grandson of Dr. Thomas Walker and Mildred Thornton.)



ELIZABETH MERIWETHER
(Wife of Thomas Walker Lewis, daughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. A picture of her mother appears opposite page 72).



CHARLES THORNTON LEWIS
(Son of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether. His wife was Mary M. Quarles.)



EMMA LEWIS
(Mrs. Thomas H. Davis, daughter of Charles Thornton Lewis and Mary M. Quarles.)



DR. MICAJAH H. CLARK

(Son of James Clark and Margaret Douglas Lewis. He was a grandson of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether.)



MARGARET SAMSON

(Wife of Dr. Micajah Clark.)

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RECORD OF SARAH ANN COCHRAN
AND DR. J. A. KNOX

Issue—four daughters:

1. Mary Ellen Knox, born April 16, 1873. Married James LaRue Teague, June 1, 1889. Issue—six children: Gertrude Edith, born May 28, 1890; Joseph A., born Aug. 14, 1892; Milford Allen, born Feb. 21, 1895; Lilliam Birl, born Sept. 28, 1897; Sarah Cochran, born June 26, 1903; Mary Virginia, born March 15, 1909.
2. Laura Knox, born July 8, 1874. Died same month.
3. Alice Cochran Knox, born Sept. 18, 1875. Is now living in Winter Park, Florida (1951).
4. Sarah Elizabeth Knox, born Dec. 15, 1884. Married James L. Trail, Oct. 30, 1902. Issue: James Mortimer, born Aug. 4, 1904; Linden Knox, born March 22, 1909, married Mable Esther Fisher, May 12, 1940. Issue: Sarah Jane Trail.

Note

Gertrude Edith Teague married Lewis Thomas Atkins, May 15, 1913. Issue—three children: Frances Elizabeth, born March 2, 1914, married Edgar Lee Lanvermeier, April 16, 1938; James Edward Teague, born Nov. 16, 1915, and married Dorothy May Trevy, July 28, 1946; Mildred Knox Teague, born Feb. 1, 1919.

Joseph A. Teague married Grace L. Schneider, Sept. 11, 1920.

Milford Allen Teague married Pauline Reed, Aug. 17, 1916. Issue:—one daughter: Gwendolyn, born July 14, 1917, married Raymond Lovell, July 19, 1935. They have six children—Raymond Milford, Barbara Kay, Roger Oaks, Penelope Penny, Larry Ray, and David Anthony.

Lilliam Birl Teague married Otto Crank, Nov. 24, 1921. Issue—one daughter: Mary Elizabeth, born July 6, 1922, married Ross Wesley Elliott, Jr., July 12, 1942. They have two children—Sharon Kathleen, and Rosslyn Lee.

Sarah Cochran Teague married Robert E. Duncan, Sept. 1, 1926.

Mary Virginia Teague married Jack Hugh De Lorez, May 15, 1932. Issue—four children: James Mitchell, Mary Frances, Robert Thomas, and John Russell.

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3. Eliza Clark, married 1st, Thomas Lewis Minor. He died 1838. She married 2nd, Judge Aylette Buckner. Issue, five children: 1. James C. Buckner, married Nannie Hyde, and they had one daughter, Mittie Buckner; 2. Mildred Buckner, married Mr. Whitney, and they had three children: Aylette Whitney, Edgar Whitney, and Mildred Whitney; 3. Richard Buckner, d. young; 4. Charles Buckner, married Miss Adams; and 5. Stonewall Buckner, who married Miss Rudolph, and had two children: Ralph Buckner, and Aylette H. Buckner.
4. Dr. Micajah H. Clark, b. Nov. 12, 1816, married Margaret Sampson, Nov. 7, 1837. They were the parents of six children:
 1. James Price Clark, killed in Confederate service.
 2. Richard A. Clark, b. Aug. 23, 1847, married Miss Hardin, and had two children: 1. Jeanetta Gordon Clark, b. July 9, 1875, married John Edward Edwards, May 10, 1896. They are the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy. Their four children are: Willie Marie Edwards, b. Sept. 7, 1898, married Frank James Omohundro, Jan. 5, 1925, and they have no children; Kenneth Keith Edwards, married Margaret Smith in 1920, and they had one son, Kenneth Keith Edwards, Jr., who married Clara Frye Collins in 1939, and they have three children: Freddie Edwards, b. 1941, Sharon Edwards, b. Jan. 8, 1947, and Gerald Keith Edwards, b. Jan. 27, 1951; Nina Catherine Edwards, born Sept. 26, 1904, married Paul Booloodian, and they have one child, Catherine Pauline Booloodian, b. March 12, 1950; Juanita Edgell Edwards, b. July 9, 1911, married William Russell Shipp, March 5, 1950.

The second daughter of Richard A. Clark and Miss Hardin was Sallie Clark, b. Oct. 29, 1878, who married Edward C. Gibson, May 10, 1899. Issue, seven children: 1. Mary C. Gibson, b. May 6, 1900; 2. William Winans Gibson, b. Oct. 31, 1901, married Josephine Benenato, June 12, 1926, and they have two children, Delores and Joan Gibson; 3. Hettie Smith Gibson, b. Aug. 7, 1903, married Chappel Reid, May 2, 1922, and they have two daughters, Dorothea and

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Catha Lee Reid; 4. Richard Clark Gibson, b. April 23, 1905, d. March 5, 1946, married in 1943, no issue; 5. James Edward Gibson, b. June 9, 1908, married Ella Leora Swan, Nov. 29, 1928, and they had four children (one died in infancy), Nola, James E., Jr., and Robert Gibson; 6. John Wright Gibson, b. Sept. 30, 1910; 7. Clement Robertson Gibson, b. June 25, 1915, married 1st, Della Snow, Oct. 29, 1939, and has one son, Clemie Gibson, by this marriage. He married 2nd, Marian Pauline Wilson, Sept. 14, 1946, and they are the parents of two sons, Edward and Larry Gibson.

3. Janetta Rodgers Clark, born Aug. 23, 1849. Married William B. Nicklin, Clarksville, Mo. Issue, four children: 1. Gordon Nicklin; 2. Lewis Nicklin, married Hallie Whitehead. Issue, three children: Martha Jean Nicklin, born 1905, died July, 1942, married Thomas Alloway, and they had one son, Thomas Alloway, Jr., Mary Ruth Nicklin, born Feb. 25, 1908, and Lois Nicklin, born Feb. 6, 1916, married Leonard Whitney; 3. Margaret Nicklin, married Mr. Dodge—3 children: Gordon, Elizabeth and Monday Dodge; 4. Hunetta ("Hun") Nicklin. Married William Elgin. Issue, four children: 1. Edwin Elgin, married Catherine Kelly, no issue; 2. Lewis Elgin, married Frances Davidson, and they have three children: Wayne Elgin, born June 3, 1930, Willard Elgin, born March 26, 1932, and Dewannah Elgin, born Nov. 20, 1935; 3. Ross Elgin, married Mildred Gillum, and they have two children: Charles Clark Elgin, and Ellen Elgin; 4. Gibson Elgin, married Edith Patton, and they have two children: Patsy and Jackie Elgin.

4. Thornton Clark, b. May 5, 1841, married Sallie Polard, and they were the parents of two sons:

1. John Clark, who married 1st, Margaret Davis in 1896. They were the parents of two children: Margaret Leigh Clark, b. Feb. 22, 1897, and married Jesse Omohundro.

The Omohundros are the parents of six children:

Willana Frances Omohundro, b. Sept. 31, 1916, married Ralph Vernon Crank, and they have one son, Ralph Vernon Crank, Jr., b. 1945.

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Dorothy Leigh Omohundro, b. June 9, 1921, married Guy Odell Jacobs, and they have two children: Leigh Ann Jacobs, b. 1942, and Gary Guy Jacobs, b. 1946.

Ruby Margaret Omohundro, b. July 11, 1923, married Russell A. Gorman.

Jesse Hutchinson Omohundro, b. Sept. 18, 1927.

Marian Clark Omohundro, b. Sept. 22, 1929, married Charles Lewis Bankhead (son of Dr. Charles Lewis Bankhead of Clarksville, Mo.), and they have two children: Michael Errett Bankhead, b. 1948, and Margaret Elaine Bankhead, b. 1949.

Frank Davis Omohundro, b. Feb. 17, 1930.

The second son of John Clark and Margaret Davis was Davis Clark, b. 1900, d. 1925.

After the death of his wife, Margaret Davis Clark, John Clark married 2nd, Kate Meyer Dawson, in 1909, and they had one son, Thornton Clark, who married Ruth Graham, and they are the parents of three children: Marilyn Clark, Ruth Anna Clark, and Karen Mae Clark.

2. Edward Clark, b. April 18, 1877, married 1st, Carey Carter, and they had one son, Carter Clark. Edward Clark married 2nd, Miss Goodman, and they have two children, a son, Robert Clark, and a daughter, name not known.

5. Charles E. Clark, b. July, 1843, married Mary Dillard, no issue.

6. Robert F. ("Tuggie") Clark, b. Nov. 19, 1852, d. June 7, 1887, married Jennie Turner, June 26, 1876. They were the parents of three children: 1. Price Clark, b. Aug. 25, 1877, d. May 27, 1947. He married Hazel Pollard in 1910. They had one adopted daughter, Leta Marguerite Clark, who married Robert Dorsey; 2. Harry Goodman Clark, b. 1879, d. 1900; and 3. Leta M. Clark, b. Feb. 12, 1881.

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5. Margaret Douglas Clark, married Dr. Richard Anderson, and they had two children: 1. David M. Anderson, who married his 1st cousin, Nannie Anderson, and they had a son, John M. Anderson; 2. Maggie D. Anderson, who married Mr. Stonebreaker, and they had one child.

After the death of Margaret Douglas Clark, Dr. Anderson married 2nd, Mrs. Jane W. Lewis Meriwether, the widow of Walker Gilmer Meriwether, at Aberdeen, in Pike County, Missouri.

6. Charles J. Clark, married Miss Martha E. Roberts. They had three children:

1. Charles J. Clark, killed in Confederate service.

2. Elizabeth Douglas Clark, who married Emmet Manson Meriwether (of "Pebbleton," Virginia, who had come to Missouri, to settle with his brothers, who had come here somewhat earlier. See Meriwether record in this book for continuation of family line.)

3. Annie Clark, b. Sept. 23, 1850, d. Nov. 13, 1920. She married Major Williams, Aug. 17, 1870, and they were the parents of four children:

1. Mattie Williams, married Michael Oshea, Jan. 1, 1891, and they have eight children: 1. Calvin Thomas Oshea, married Minnie Glenn, and have one daughter, Audrey Janette Oshea, who married Al Freer; 2. Annie Kathryn Oshea, married Harry Anderson, and they have four children: Wilhelmina Anderson, who is married to Reuben Stoddard, and the Stoddards have four children—names not known, Anne Norton Anderson, married Lawrence R. England, Harry T. Anderson, married Frances Stewart, and Eugene Morrison Anderson, married Pauline Muff; 3. Mamie Oshea, married Robert Evans Noeninger; 4. Ruby May Oshea, married John Reid, and they have one daughter, Fay Lucille Reid, who is married to John Farinella; 5. Lilliam Oshea, married John Hewitt, and they have two children: John Marvin Hewitt, married to Juanita Potts, and Margie Edna Hewitt, married to Homer Homan; 6. Edith Oshea, married to Clarence Tumulty; 7. Alonzo Daniel Oshea, married to Martha Lyter, and have two daugh-

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ters: Bonnie Sue Oshea, and Sharon Kay Oshea; 8. Robert Oshea, married to Ruth Turner, and they have two children: Carol Ann, b. 1943, d. 1944, and Robert Wayne Oshea.

2. Nettie Mae Williams, b. Nov. 14, 1875, d. July 20, 1946. Married Charles Akers, March 25, 1896. Issue, three children: 1. Cecil Alonzo Akers, married Norma Stroud, and they have one son, Raymond LeRoy Akers; 2. Nettie Mae Akers, married Raymond McCallister; and 3. Major Clark Akers, married Kathryn Houdeshell, and they have two daughters: Caroline Sue, and Sallie Ann Akers.

3. Douglas Williams, married Wilhelmina Burg. No issue.

4. Lottie Williams, b. May 24, 1884, d. Dec. 14, 1918, married John Miller, and they had two children: 1. Raymond Thomas Miller, b. Dec. 25, 1909, married Ruth Mary Kissell, and they are the parents of two children, Raymond Thomas, Jr., b. Jan. 28, 1949, and Richard Andrew Miller, b. April 2, 1951; 2. Martha Mildred Miller, b. April 15, 1911.

(3) Mary Walker Lewis—wed James Leitch—wed 2nd Capt. David Anderson.

Issue: Eliza L. Leitch—who wed Meriwether Lewis Anderson.

Issue: Seven children.

After Mr. Leitch's death his widow wed Capt. David Anderson. None of the family ever came to Missouri. Their home was "Pan Tops" Albemarle County, Virginia.

(4) Lydia Laurie Lewis—wed Samuel Overton Minor.

Issue: Eleven children.

She died in Virginia August 8, 1833. He died in Missouri August 30, 1838 and is buried at "Elmwood" cemetery. The youngest child of this family was Louisa H. A. Minor—born April 13, 1833—who was only four months, 5 days old when her mother died. Her aunt, Mrs. Mary W. Lewis-Leitch Anderson raised her at the family home "Pan Tops." Aunt Lou lived there until her aunt's death in 1872—then came to Missouri—and lived with relatives until her death. She is buried at St. John's Church. "Aunt Lou" as she was lovingly called by every-

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one, was a lady of splendid mind and education and was author of the Meriwether family history published in 1892—a book much prized among the relatives. She was a lovely refined lady and all who knew her cherish her memory for the high ideals she possessed. The Minor-Carter families of Eolia—Carter Fry, J. D. Fry, Overton Fry, Newton Bryson of Louisiana, Nelson Heath Meriwether, Maury Lewis Meriwether, Annie Laurie Meriwether Bemis, Lynn Overton Minor are among the descendants of Samuel Overton Minor and Lydia Laurie Lewis.

RECORD OF THOMAS MERIWETHER LEWIS
AND EMELINE WEYMER

(5) Thomas Meriwether Lewis was born in Virginia, May 1797, and died in Missouri, April 1865. He was married Sept. 26, 1820 to Emeline Weymer. Issue, five children:

1. Marianne Lewis, born in Virginia in 1822. Wed Eugene Hallam and had seven children. She was married 2nd, to Judge Garritt Minor. There was no issue of the second marriage.

2. William J. Lewis, born in Virginia 1824, died in Missouri 1885. He married 1st, his cousin, Nannie L. Meriwether (daughter of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Adeline Miller.) They had four children (two of whom died in infancy): Adeline Fontaine Lewis, who married Edwin Davis (see Davis record in this book.) A son, Hunter Lewis, was born 1854, died 1932. Unmarried.

William J. Lewis married 2nd, Helen Braidy Woolfolk, of Troy, Missouri, Feb. 7, 1861. Issue, eight children:

1. George Allen Lewis, born Jan. 13, 1862, died Feb. 13, 1944, married 1st, Minnie Gertrude Brown, Sept. 7, 1892. Issue, three children: 1. Helen Braidy Lewis, born May 16, 1893, married Frank Blaylock Clarkson, Dec. 21, 1911, and they have one son, Frank Blaylock Clarkson, Jr., born Oct. 2, 1912, who married Virginia Margaret Wilhelm, April 6, 1940, and they have two children: Teresa Lou Clarkson, born Jan. 5, 1943, and Mark Blaylock Clarkson, born May 23, 1948. Frank Blaylock Clarkson, Jr., enlisted in the service of his country in 1938, and served his country for seven years during World War II; 2. Harry Robert Lewis, born May 21, 1895, married Mae Mary Utt, March 3, 1918, and they have one child,

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Roberta Mae Lewis, born May 2, 1924, married Raymond Herbert Fittinger, Oct. 9, 1941, and they have three children, Judith Rae Fittinger, born Sept. 18, 1942, and twin boys, Douglas Eugene Fittinger and Dean Charles Fittinger, born Jan. 26, 1946. Harry Robert Lewis married 2nd, Flourette Delia Lathrop, Aug. 4, 1940, no issue; 3. Raymond Eugene Lewis, born March 15, 1903, died June 23, 1930.

George Allen Lewis married 2nd, Nancy Belle Luckett, Nov. 5, 1920, and they have three children: 1. George Allen Lewis, Jr., born Jan. 4, 1922. He married Pauline Cecilia Grawe, Dec. 27, 1947, and they have two children, Sandra Kay Lewis, born Oct. 12, 1948, and Beverly Jo Lewis, born 1950; 2. Susie Belle Lewis, born Jan. 9, 1924, married Wilfred Graham Wilhoit, Sept. 2, 1945, and they have two children, Bonnie June Wilhoit, born Sept. 18, 1946, and Deborah Louise Wilhoit, born Aug. 23, 1948; and 3. Lucille Gertrude Lewis, born Oct. 5, 1930, and married Elmer Albert Grawe, Jan. 28, 1947, and they have three children, Earl Eugene Grawe, born March 6, 1948, Roy Daniel Grawe, born March 21, 1949, and Joyce Marie Grawe, born March 2, 1950.

2. Richard Woolfolk Lewis, born May 26, 1863, died in Oklahoma, Oct. 10, 1944. Married Sarah Jane Magruder, Oct. 15, 1890. Issue, six children:

1. Meriwether Lewis, born Nov. 18, 1891, died March 11, 1949, married Lucy Lounsbury, May 26, 1912. They were the parents of two children, twin boys: Jack Lewis, born June 10, 1918, married Lois Snoddy, July 9, 1939, and they have two children: Terry Mack Lewis, born June 1, 1943, and Tony Jack Lewis, born Jan. 16, 1945; Mack Lewis (twin to Jack Lewis), born June 10, 1918, and married 1st, Lawanna Townsend in 1938 and by this marriage, one child, Harold Wayne Lewis, born 1939. Mack Lewis married 2nd, Katherine Teverbaugh, July 26, 1940, and they have one child, Maxine Kay Lewis, born Sept. 24, 1944.

2. Gordon Gilmer Lewis, born Sept. 17, 1894, married Edna Beeson, April 25, 1920, and they have two children: Ted Eugene Lewis, born Feb. 13, 1924, who married Janet Panner, Jan. 30, 1949, and they have a son, Gordon Gilmer Lewis, II, born Sept. 7, 1950; Mary Donna Lewis, born Dec. 7, 1927.

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3. Victor Ambrose Lewis, born June 30, 1896, married Lillian Beck, Aug. 17, 1919, and they have two children: Myrth Lewis, born Dec. 14, 1921, and she married Glenn Semke, Aug. 8, 1942, and they have two children, Dianna Glenn Semke, born April 15, 1945, and Myrth Ann Semke, born Dec. 15, 1947; Gene Meredith Lewis, born Dec. 28, 1925, unmarried.
4. Vernon Nicholas Lewis, born Nov. 5, 1900, married Pearle Williams, May 18, 1924. No issue.
5. Ruby Nancy Caroline Lewis, born July 28, 1903, married Floyd H. Moore, April 5, 1926. They have two children: Jimmie D. Moore, born April 17, 1931, and Mitzi Lee Moore, born Nov. 7, 1940.
6. Virginia Bell Lewis, born Sept. 7, 1910, married W. Harold Head, May 2, 1940, and they have two children: Judith Ann Head, born March 31, 1941, and Mikel Lewis Head, born Nov. 16, 1945.
3. Thomas Walker Lewis, born Feb. 1866, married Margaret Ethel Wright, Feb. 24, 1894. Issue, two children:
 1. Robert Edwin Lewis, born March 17, 1896. He married Mary Elpha Doty, Aug. 17, 1931. They have one child, Robert Doty Lewis, born Sept. 9, 1935.
 2. Mary Anderson Lewis, born Nov. 29, 1897. She married George Frederick Egeler, Nov. 27, 1919. They have one son, Lewis Frederick Egeler, born Oct. 15, 1920. He married Catherine Morgan, Nov. 10, 1945, and they have two children: Sharon Marie Egeler, born July 15, 1948, and Michael Lewis Egeler, born Nov. 14, 1949.
4. Martha Caroline Lewis, born 1867, died 1940. Married Alpheus Bell Magruder, 1890. Issue, three sons:
 1. Alpha Elias Magruder, born 1894. Married Lynda Lillian Turpin, 1918. They have four children: 1. Robert Francis Magruder, born 1921, married Mary Helen Graves, 1948. They have two children: Elaine Carolyn Magruder, and Janice Ann Magruder, born 1950; 2. Roland Paul Magruder, born 1926, married Maude Jennings Davidson, 1944, and they have one child, Paula Jean Magruder; 3. Louise Caroline Magruder, born 1931, and 4. Edith Mary Lyn Magruder, born 1936.
 2. Ralph Woolfolk Magruder, born 1896, married Mabel Lee Brown, 1918, and they have two children: 1. Willene

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Braidy Magruder, born 1919, married William C. Douse, 1943, and they have two children: Terry Ann Douse, born 1945, and William C. Douse, Jr., born 1948; 2. Warren Bell Magruder, born 1924, who married Mary Margaret Hughart, a "distant" cousin, in 1944. They have one child, Melanie Sue Magruder.

3. William Francis Magruder, born 1899, married Hazel Lee Norvell, in 1938. No issue.

5. Shapleigh Ross Lewis, born 1869, died 1943. He married Annie Calhoun (Callie) Clay. Issue, four children:

1. Odin Clay Lewis, born 1896, died 1950. Unmarried.

2. William Nicholas Lewis, born 1897, married Jessie Lee. Issue, two children: Edna Louise Lewis, born 1940, and Mary Ellen Lewis, born 1943.

3. Mary Alice Emeline Lewis, born 1898. She married Clifford Richards, 1927, and they have two children: 1. Emeline Louise Richards, born March 17, 1928, and she married Don Carmichael, and they have three children: Mary Elizabeth Carmichael, born March 16, 1948, Douglas Allison Carmichael, born June 21, 1949, and Judy Ann Carmichael, born June 10, 1951; 2. Clifford C. Richards, born Aug. 21, 1929.

4. Louise Caroline Lewis, born 1900. Lives in St. Louis, Mo.

6. William Austin Lewis, born May 1871, died Nov. 29, 1922. Married Margaret Ann Moxley. Issue, seven children:

1. Arnon Helen Lewis, married Sept. 1923 to Charles Gilbert Magruder. They have four children: 1. Gilbert Lewis Magruder, born 1924, killed in airplane crash in Norway during World War II; 2. Patricia Ruth Magruder, not married; 3. Thomas Austin Magruder, married 1950, name of wife not known; 4. Eugene Magruder.

2. Bessie Ruth Lewis, R.N., born Feb. 13, 1899.

3. Russell Kincaid Lewis, married Ruth Honen. They have two adopted children: Gerald and Mary Jane Lewis.

4. Henry Eugene Lewis, married Vera Bell. They have two children: Vera Gene Lewis, and Michael Meriwether Lewis.

5. William Austin Lewis, Jr., married Karolyn Boice. They have three children: William Austin Lewis, III, Thomas Allen Lewis, and James R. Lewis.

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6. Anna Louise Lewis, married Jack Wheeler, Nov. 1935. No issue.

7. Howard Glyndon Lewis, married Mary Gross. They have two children: Howard Glyndon Lewis, Jr., and Laura Ann Lewis.

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7. Belle Gilmer Lewis, born 1875, died 1947. She married Dennis B. Page. Issue, six children:

1. Mary Jane Page, born 1899, married Ira Dawkins, and they have three children: 1. Margaret Jane Dawkins, who married William Lyndon Holmes, and they have two children, Kay Ellen Holmes, and Lynda Lee Holmes; 2. William Dennis Dawkins; and 3. Ada Virginia Dawkins.

2. Gilmer Lewis Page, born 1901, married Goldie Fry, and they have two children: 1. Virginiabell Page, and she is married to Keith Rupel and they have one child, Sandra Rupel; 2. Imogene Page, who married Wilbur Voight, no issue.

3. Caroline Page, born 1907, married Ray Sharpe. No issue.

4. Dennis Bell Page, Jr., born 1910, married Lottie Thompson. Issue, four children: 1. Robert Glenn Page; 2. Helen Juanita Page; 3. Bontie Page; and 4. Dennis Edward Page.

5. Thomas Walker Page, born 1914, married Alta Winchum. They have three children: 1. Shirley May Page; 2. Donald Walker Page; and 3. Mary Ann Page.

6. William James Page, born 1917, married Gertrude Freyer. They have two children: 1. Jerry Page; and 2. Patricia Ann Page.

8. Bessie Gordon Lewis, born Nov. 1880, married Champ S. Ogden, Dec. 16, 1903. Issue, three children:

1. Edith Maude Ogden, born Dec. 8, 1904. She married Hayden Briggs Chappee, July 2, 1927. They have one child: James Hayden Chappee, born Dec. 20, 1928.

2. Alvin Clay Ogden, born July 9, 1907, married Jessie Naomi Essington, Sept. 24, 1932. They have one child: William Clay Ogden, born Jan. 10, 1949.

3. William Eugene Ogden, born May 26, 1909. He married Pearl Lorene Austin, July 3, 1932. They have two children: Marilyn Cardwell Ogden, born Dec. 31, 1934, and Kaye Gordon Ogden, born Aug. 30, 1937.

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3. Thomas Walker Lewis, born in Virginia 1827, died in Missouri. He married Isabella Gilmer. (See Gilmer record in this book, under Wells family.) Issue, three children: Henry Gilmer Lewis, who married Clara Conyers, no issue; William M. Lewis, who married Marybelle Rann, no issue; and Mary Alice Lewis, who married William Gale, no issue.

4. Robert W. Lewis, born in Virginia 1829, died in Missouri 1861. He married Jane Coffey 1855. Issue, one daughter, Emma Lewis, who married Mr. Basye and they had five children: 1. Harry Basye; 2. Rev. Ernest Basye; 3. Rolla Basye; 4. Joe Basye; and 5. Ab Basye.

5. Henrietta Bacon Lewis, born in Virginia 1833, died in Denver, Colorado, 1909. She married Eugene Napoleon Bonfils, of Troy, Mo. This lady led a storybook life. [Note: Henrietta B. Lewis, born at Charlottesville, Virginia, Dec. 18, 1833, died Jan. 1909; married Eugene Napoleon Bonfils of Troy, Missouri, in 1854. The Bonfils family claimed relationship with Napoleon Bonaparte. They had seven children: Thomas Lewis Bonfils, born 1855, unmarried; Eugene N. Jr., who died young; William D. Bonfils, b. 1858, d. 1931, married Miss Sedlicke; Frederick Gilmer Bonfils, born Troy, Mo., 1860, married Miss Barton and had two children, May Bonfils who married Clyde Berryman, no issue, and Helen Bonfils, born 1888, of Denver, Colo., who married George Sommes. This Frederick Gilmer Bonfils is the famed owner of the *Denver Post* who made a tremendous fortune, and who, upon his death in Denver in 1933, left an estate of over thirty million dollars, the bulk of the estate going into a foundation. He had a nephew whose name was Edgar Addison Walker and he took the name of Frederick Walker Bonfils. Frederick Gilmer Bonfils' career was outlined in "Timberline" and this book fascinatingly described his career, which was unusual, to say the least, in the annals of American journalism. The fourth child of Henrietta Bacon Lewis was Henrietta Lewis Bonfils, born Troy, Missouri, July 1865, and in 1885 married James Henry Walker, who was born in Cooper County, Missouri. They had four children, one of whom was the son Edgar Addison Walker who changed his name to Frederick Walker Bonfils at the instance of his uncle. Charles Alden Bonfils, the sixth child of Henrietta Bacon Lewis, lived in Denver, Colorado,

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and married Winifred Black, a well known columnist who wrote under the name of "Annie Laurie" and they had one child, Winifred Bonfils, who is Winifred Bonfils Barker and lives in Cloverdale, Calif. Charles Alden Bonfils is the only living member of the original Bonfils family of Troy, Mo. His home is in Denver, Colo. The last child of the elder Bonfils was Nell Bonfils, who married first David Lockard and had three children, Thomas Lewis, Marjorie and Henrietta Lockard. She married 2nd, Mr. Barker.]

- (6) Charles Thornton Lewis, born July 29, 1799, died near Boonville, Missouri, April 4, 1855. Married Mary Mills Quarles, July 29, 1820. She died at St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24, 1888. They were the parents of eleven children: 1. Sarah Ann Eliza Lewis, b. 1821, married 1st, James Logan Forsythe, married 2nd, John A. Williams, no issue; 2. Susan Vibert Lewis, b. 1822, married Henry Winslow Mills of Cooper County, Missouri, and they were the parents of thirteen children, and most of their descendants still live in Cooper Co., Mo.; 3. Meriwether Lewis, b. 1824, married Virginia Mack, no issue; 4. Charles Quarles Lewis, b. 1826, married Virginia Watson Gooch, and they were the parents of seven children, and most of their descendants live in Cooper Co., Mo.; 5. Nicholas Hunter Lewis, b. 1827, married Lucy A. Thomson, and had two children; 6. Alice Thornton Lewis, b. 1829, d. 1831; 7. John Rhodes Lewis, b. 1831, married Texanna A. Johnson, and they had six children; 8. James Henry Lewis, b. 1834, married Lucy R. Hackett, and they had six children, descendants of whom live in St. Joseph, Mo.; 9. Margaret Emuela Lewis, b. March 10, 1839, married Thomas H. Davis, Nov. 19, 1857. They were first cousins. Thomas H. Davis was a son of Alice Thornton Lewis (Davis) and John Winn Davis of Pike County, Mo. They were the parents of four children: (a) Meriwether Davis, who married Miss Nichols, and they had one son, Thomas Davis; (b) Thomas H. Davis, Jr.; (c) Gilmer Davis, who is married and lives in St. Joseph, Mo.; and (d) Lewis Davis; 10. Helen Augusta Lewis, b. 1841, married Joseph R. Mills, and they had six children; and 11. Louisa Virginia Lewis, b. 1844, married James W. Wallace, no issue.
- (7) Elizabeth Lewis—wed John Wells. They are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. Descendants are Mrs. Stanley Miller of Elsberry—

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Overton Wells and daughters of Troy, Mrs. Lelia Wells Henry and sons of Bowling Green, C. M. Crank of Eolia, the daughter of the late James Crank of New Truxton, the late John L. Meriwether, Fred Meriwether of Whiteside, the late W. G. Meriwether of Clarksville, Leefayne Meriwether of Bowling Green. See Wells and Meriwether family records in this book.

- (8) Alice Thornton Lewis—wed John Winn Davis. They came to Missouri in 1834—built their home in 1840 and named it Ashburton. When he burned the brick to build his home he burned enough to build St. John's church—giving 500,000 brick—the land the church is built on and \$1,000 in money. They are both buried in the Cemetery at St. John's—nearby are the graves of their only daughter—Mary Davis Meriwether and their youngest son, Edwin Davis. Descendants are Nicholas L. and James D. Davis, Frank E. Meriwether, Mrs. Mary Alice Mackey Holtsford, Mrs. Addie H. Meloan, Miss Mabel Meriwether of Virginia, the two daughters of the late Mrs. Sallie Meriwether Scales of Virginia—the three daughters of the late John Davis Meriwether, the children of the late Mrs. Lutie Davis Smith of Arkansas and the grandchildren of the late Walker Davis. See Davis record in this book.
- (9) Jane W. Lewis—wed Walker G. Meriwether—both are buried at the family home "Aberdeen"—Eolia, Mo. Descendants are the daughters and grandchildren of the late Mrs. Alice Meriwether Block and the sons of the late Walker G. Meriwether of Lincoln County. (See Meriwether Record.)
- (10) Robert Walker Lewis—wed Sarah Cravens of Virginia—a descendant is Rev. Nicholas Hunter Lewis—an Episcopal minister at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(Note:—There are several books that have been written about the Lewis and Clark Expedition that the young relatives may want to read:

"The Westward Crossings"—by Jeannette Mirsky, published by Knopf, New York, 1946.

"Meriwether Lewis—Trail Blazer"—by Flora Warren Seymour, published by D. Appleton Century Co., New York, 1937.

"The Magnificent Adventure"—by Emerson Hough—published 1916 by Grosset and Dunlap, New York.

"Forward the Nation"—by Donald Culross Peattie—published 1942 by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

"Lewis & Clark—Partners in Discovery"—by John Bakeless. Published 1947 by William Morrow & Co., New York).

The authors of these last two books claim they have not written anything except the truth—none of the characters are fictional and the events are all true. Emerson Hough, the author of "The Magnificent Adventure" does not make that claim, but so much is really based on the truth that it could easily have been true and gives much history about the romance between Meriwether Lewis and Theodosia Burr—the beautiful daughter of Aaron Burr (Vice President under President Thomas Jefferson).

(Note)—If any of the relatives care to trace their own family name or to get their family Coat of Arms—write to Goodspeed's Book Shop, Inc., 18 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

The Meriwether Coat of Arms is shown in Aunt Lou Minor's book. It is reproduced in this book, under "Meriwether Family Record."

The Lewis Coat of Arms has a horse's head at the top and the Lewis family motto:

OMNE SOLUM FORTI PATRIA EST
(Every soil to a brave man is his country first)
(See Page 16 for Lewis Coat of Arms)

I judge this was given to a soldier who served in the cavalry—it could have been General Robert Lewis.

This history of the Lewis family may not be as complete as some would desire. Some people may wonder about all these stories and where I heard them, so I will cite the same little verse as Aunt Lou Minor did in her book "The Meriwethers."

*"I know not how the truth may be
But I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."*

Lottie Wright Davis

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MERIWETHER-LEWIS MARRIAGES

Jane Meriwether (dau. of Nicholas Meriwether and Elizabeth Crawford) m. Col. Robert Lewis (son of John Lewis and Elizabeth Warner)

Lucy Meriwether (dau. of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton) m. William Lewis (son of Col. Robert Lewis and Jane Meriwether)

Thomas Meriwether (son of William Meriwether and Elizabeth Bushrod) m. Jane Lewis (dau. of Col. Robert Lewis and Jane Meriwether)

Francis Meriwether (son of David Meriwether and Anne Holmes) m. Mary Lewis (dau. of Zachary Lewis and Mary Waller)

Elizabeth Meriwether (dau. of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas) m. Thomas Walker Lewis (son of Nicholas Lewis and Mary Walker)

William Douglas Meriwether (son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas) m. Elizabeth Lewis (dau. of Nicholas Lewis and Mary Walker)

George Douglas Meriwether (son of Francis Meriwether and Catherine Davies) m. Alice Thornton Lewis (dau. of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether)

Walker Gilmer Meriwether (son of Nicholas Hunter Meriwether and Rebecca Terrell) m. Jane Warner Lewis (dau. of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether)

David Wood Meriwether m. Mary Lewis

Zachary Lewis Meriwether (son of Francis Meriwether and Mary Lewis) m. Jane Lewis

Nannie Lewis Meriwether m. William Lewis



MERIWETHER

MERIWETHER COAT OF ARMS

CREST

An arm in armour embowed. In hand a sword [argent] hilt and pommel [or] entwined with a serpent [vert].

ARMS

[Or] three martlets [sable]. On a chief azure a sun in splendor, proper for Meriwether.

Vi et consilio. (With Force and Counsel.)

NOTE:—The above is probably a modification of the Coat of Arms granted to Richard Merryweather or Meriwether in the Sixteenth Century for "Wisdom in Battle."

MERIWETHER STORIES

In every family there are stories concerning its members which are handed down from father to son—and sometimes from sources outside the family—(very authentically). In this way the eccentricities and peculiarities are preserved and certainly add a flavor all its own and humanizes what would otherwise be extreme stuffiness. I have thought it worthwhile to pass on some of these stories so that present as well as future generations might be able to see and account for behavior patterns.—NHM.

A story, dealing with eccentricity, concerns "Aunt Nannie" L. Eastin, a sister of Lydia Laurie Eastin (Meriwether), about her inability to understand why anyone should want to "sleep late." One time Uncle Fontaine Meriwether and his wife were visiting at Spring Hill, and before retiring Uncle Font told Aunt Nannie that they would like to sleep late the next morning and she inquired as to what he meant by "late." He told her not earlier than seven o'clock. The next morning, Aunt Nannie, having been up since five o'clock was, by six, too nervous to stand it any longer, knocked on his door, and when he answered, told him "Fontaine, you have another hour to sleep."

One of the stories concerns my aunt, Mary Overton Meriwether who, in her anxiety to be perfectly truthful, perhaps carried the ideal a trifle too far. Her neighbor's husband, Mr. Garven, was seeking political preferment at the local level. Various lists were being circulated for the different candidates and finally Mrs. Garven told my aunt that people were saying that Mr. Garven was lazy and wanted to know if she (Aunt Mary) thought it was true. "Well, Mrs. Garven," answered Aunt Mary, "I have never seen Mr. Garven work, but maybe he works sometimes when I don't see him." In telling my mother this story, Aunt Mary said, "And you know, Ethel, the most peculiar expression passed over Mrs. Garven's face, and I said to her, 'Well, Mrs. Garven, you asked me'." Ever since when we have had to tell an unpleasant truth we always preface our remarks with "Well, you asked me." Naturally, with such honesty, not too many people ask our opinion.

To add a touch of naturalness and to convey the inherent quality of human frailty, is the story of the member of the family

who was kept up all of Christmas Eve (at fourteen) to prove to him that there was no Santa Claus. Some of the more charitable members of the family said that he was "naïve" or "too trusting." Since the advent of the Roosevelt New Deal quite a few of us feel that this member was "kept up" unnecessarily.

There has long been a story in the Meriwether family about the "slowness" of the Meriwether men in marching to the altar. They tell the story of Meriwether Lewis in taking the leadership of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. History has noted, and Emerson Hough in "The Magnificent Adventure" recounted, the story of the "romance" of Lewis and Theodosia Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr, Vice-President of the United States in the first administration of Thomas Jefferson. Since Lewis was secretary to Jefferson he had easy occasion to pay court to Miss Burr and finally realized that he should either marry Miss Burr or remove himself so that she would be free to make another choice, and when Jefferson offered him the chance to lead the expedition he accepted with alacrity, since it would give him a polite "out." Just a few days before Lewis and Clark were to leave St. Louis on the first leg of their journey, Miss Burr appeared and made an appeal to Lewis to call off the expedition, insofar as he was concerned. In fairness to Miss Burr history has added the footnote that her father prevailed on her to marry Lewis in the hope that the expedition would not materialize and also to further her father's plans to set up another republic which he planned to head. A few years after Lewis's encounter with Miss Burr at St. Louis, her father was tried by the United States for conspiracy—and freed. Nevertheless, most of us feel that Miss Burr deserves some credit for the **promptness** with which Lewis undertook the expedition to the West.

An old patriarch of the family said that the Meriwether family had committed to memory a portion of "A Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom," this pregnant line "... errors cease[ing] to be dangerous when it is permitted freely to **contradict** them." He said that until he had read it in the Virginia Constitution that he thought "some Meriwether must have written it quite a bit earlier as an accurate word-picture of the family love for argument." We are a **contradictory** family.

From an old letter of a vexed member of the family to one of the Lewises:

"THE MERIWETHER FEUDS
In the order of their importance
and
'Staying Power'

1. Lewises
2. Minors
3. Meriwethers."

At least we did not have to go out of the family to "find trouble."

Some of the Meriwether men hold this opinion on church attendance:

1. Christening
 2. Marriage
 3. Final Rites.
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My grandfather Meriwether is responsible for this one: His sons, home for a visit, were telling him of the squabbles and quarrels of the "St. Louis Republicans" and after he had heard them through, commented: "May the Lord increase their troubles."

One of the ladies in the family owned a very valuable and historic painting of James Madison and had it hung behind a door. An acquaintance asked why she had put such a fine possession in an inconspicuous place and was answered with complete Meriwether candor: "Well, you know, my dear, he is not one of the relatives."

There is a story heard often of my great-grandfather, Samuel D. Eastin. He was a steamboat captain on the Mississippi. The family had a flock of geese that annoyed him by their loud honking when he returned from a trip. On this particular occasion he was so annoyed by their clamor late at night that he was able to catch and hang eighteen of them by their necks to the clothesline, held in place by the old-fashioned "clamp" clothespins of that day. Some comment about his sobriety brought forth this defense: "You'd have to be sober to catch that many geese, let alone string them up on a clothesline."

Tell It "Big"

There is an old story that when one of the Meriwethers and his family were enroute to Missouri to settle on his land that it was a dry year and they were hampered and inconvenienced by the shortage of water and that he consoled his family by telling them to "just wait until you get to my home in Missouri—you will see the most wonderful spring with plenty of fine water." But instead of water an old hen had made a nest there, as the spring was dry.

The following epitaph appears on the tombstone of Peter Carr, in "Elmwood" cemetery:

"He awaits the resurrection of the just—
While we sorrow in hope."

Lydia Laurie Wells, "Aunt Tid," who married Charles J. Meriwether, is responsible for this one: When a member of the family was making a thorough search for some family records to bring the record up-to-date, she opined, "If you Meriwethers don't watch out, you are going to claim kin with God." ("Aunt Tid's mother was a Lewis," was the snide comment of **some** of the Meriwethers.)

For Genealogists Only

After months of work by the printer in getting the type ready to print, the following letter was received from the customer: "I am returning the proofs of the Family Record to you. I have made the necessary corrections: have edited the copy so that Aunt Minnie's "slip" does not show; the "woods colts" have all been chased out of the corral; anything that was colored has been thoroughly bleached out; Uncle George has been white-washed; whatever dirty linen there was has been washed; we have edited the copy so that Dora's boy got here within the natural time; nearly everything that was interesting has been deleted. You may go ahead and print."

One of the Meriwether women, well able to afford the best, wore shabby clothing, and excusing her appearance, she **once** explained: "Everyone in Pike County knows me, so what difference does it make what I wear? And if I go where no one knows me, what does it matter how I dress?"

MERIWETHER GENERATION RECORD

(The use of superscript numerals following the name is for identifying the various generations).

Nicholas Meriwether¹, born in Wales 1600. Died in Wales December 19, 1678. Married Elizabeth Woodhouse. His son

Nicholas Meriwether² (the first in America), was born October 26, 1647. He came to Virginia in 1667. He was married to Elizabeth Crawford, of New Kent county, Virginia. He was a vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church from 1685 to 1698. He died in November, 1744, at 97 years of age. A son

David Meriwether³, born 1694, married Anne Holmes, daughter of George Holmes of King and Queen county, Virginia. A son

Thomas Meriwether⁴, born 1715, married Elizabeth Thornton. He died 1756. A son

Nicholas Meriwether⁵, born September 7, 1736, married Margaret Douglas, December 31, 1760. He died December 19, 1772. Nicholas⁵ was a brother of Lucy Meriwether who married Col. William Lewis (the mother of Meriwether Lewis, the explorer). A son

Nicholas Hunter Meriwether⁶, born January 9, 1765, married Rebecca Terrell. A son

Dr. Fontaine Meriwether⁷, born 1795, married Adeline Miller in 1822 in Virginia. He came to Missouri and settled at Spring Hill, Pike and Lincoln counties in 1835. A son

Heath Jones Meriwether⁸, born February 23, 1836, married Lydia Laurie Eastin in 1859. A son

Franklin Montgomery Meriwether⁹, born October 23, 1873, married Ethel Grant Nelson in November, 1904. A son

Nelson Heath Meriwether¹⁰, born August 23, 1905, married Mary Agnes Immele, November 21, 1940. A son

Heath J Meriwether¹¹, was born January 20, 1944.

Annie Laurie Meriwether¹¹, was born January 20, 1942.

This Generation Record may be used by **nearly all** the Meriwether families in America, since the majority are descended from **David Meriwether³** and Anne Holmes. A great number of Meri-

wethers and their kin—most of those in the South, Middle West and West are descended from **Nicholas Meriwether**⁵ and his wife Margaret Douglas. Those who desire to use this Generation Record effectively have only to supplant their **sixth** (or **generation ancestor**) in place of **Nicholas Hunter Meriwether**⁶, and then follow on through with their own immediate family—either paternal or maternal—to achieve their own Generation Record. The one given above is for my personal use, but may be freely adapted by all other members of the family.

If any members of the Meriwether family desire a genealogy of their particular branch of the family it may be traced through the book, "The Meriwethers," by Louisa H. A. Minor. A copy of this book is in the St. Louis Public Library and one copy is owned by the undersigned. There is available almost complete family records for eight generations of both the Lewis and Meriwether families in this book. If parties cannot secure information on their early ancestors I will be glad to copy a record of any particular generation as it pertains to them. This present book is an effort to bring the record up to date (1951) for a few families. Valid criticism will be welcome on factual information. Let us not disturb the legends!

Nelson Heath Meriwether

10 Watson Place
Columbia, Missouri
September 1951

Meriwether Family Record

The first of the family lived in South England in Devonshire where the name was spelled Merryweather (because they were happy in all kinds of weather) and up until the years between 1910-1915 there were Merryweathers in that part of England. These English Merryweathers claim their ancestry goes back to the Norman invasion in 1066. There is no record of whom by or when the name was shortened but economy is one of the family traits. The first record of the family is Nicholas Meriwether 1st born in 1600, who evidently was a wealthy man. He had made a money loan to the Crown and when Charles I (King of England) was beheaded during the parliamentary difficulties and Charles II became king in 1660 he rewarded Nicholas I with a grant of Virginia land. On record in the Virginia Land Registry office between the years 1652-1664 are patents to 5,250 acres of land in Westmoreland County to Nicholas Meriwether. Eleven years before his death his three sons came to America (1667) and settled on this land. Their names were Nicholas, David and Francis. There are other grants of land on record to Francis, Thomas, Nicholas, David, William and Nicholas, Jr., between 1664 and 1738. Nicholas 2nd had one tract of land containing 17,952 acres, Albemarle County, Virginia, granted by George II (King of England) in the year 1730. This land grant on parchment yellowed by more than two hundred years hangs today in the wide entrance hall at "Clover Fields," the old home built by Nicholas 2nd on the land granted by George II.

I think it is proper at this point to state that quite a few writers seem to feel there is some confusion about "which Meriwether" came to this country. There have been several different views given, some holding that the "Welshman" or Nicholas Meriwether(1), came to Virginia. I have not been able to prove this, and I have relied very strongly upon the material that Louisa H. A. Minor gives in her book that he **did not**. I do have evidence that his widow, and the mother of Nicholas Meriwether(2), did come to America, and this evidenced by her marriage to Lt. Col. William Browne, Sr., in Surry Co., Virginia. There was no issue of the second marriage.

"Aunt Lou" Minor felt that three sons of the Welshman came to this country, and that Nicholas(2), the eldest of the three who

came to America, came first and that his two brothers, David and Francis, followed him. I presume that this is so, inasmuch as Nicholas was but twenty years of age when he came to Virginia. That he came about 1667 is clearly evidenced by the fact that he was married to Elizabeth Crawford in 1673, when he was twenty-six. Elizabeth Crawford was 17 years old at the time of her marriage.

Without wishing to discount the work of other writers, I have nonetheless chosen to regard the research of Louisa H. A. Minor as being superior authority. She had access to the very complete records of her family in Virginia, particularly those of the Meriwether, Lewis and Minor families, and quite as important, access to those records which Elizabeth Meriwether (Lewis) brought with her to Missouri. Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis was the only daughter and last child of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. When she died in Missouri in 1851 she left the records to a member of her family, and in a later time these records were given to Aunt Lou for her record of the family. In a diary that Aunt Lou Minor started in 1855 she mentions her access to the records of Parson Douglas, and also to those records of Thomas Walker Lewis, who was the husband of Elizabeth Meriwether (Lewis). From a number of unpublished data which Louisa H. A. Minor gave to the Meriwether family in 1918, I have been able to reconstruct the following information as to births, dates of arrival in America, and tentative dates of marriages among the earliest members of the Meriwether family:

First, that Nicholas Meriwether, "The Welshman" was born 1600 or 1601, and that he married Elizabeth Woodhouse, and that they had seven children. She tentatively set the date of their marriage as "being about four or five years after the accession of Charles I of England." This would make the date about 1629 or 1630. She records only the date of the birth of one son, Nicholas, and this is given as Oct. 26, 1647—and one note that he came to Virginia when about twenty years of age. Because Nicholas is said to be the oldest of the three sons who came to America, I presume that his brothers came later. Later information gives the date of the marriage of Nicholas to Elizabeth Crawford, in Virginia, as 1673, when he was twenty-six years old. His wife was seventeen, having been born 1656. Aunt Lou Minor recorded the fact that the three sons who came to America were all younger children of "The Welshman" and that they came to America to take over the hold-

ings that had been granted to their father by the English Crown, lands granted him in return for loans of money made to the Stuart regime. A strong reason for their coming to the colony was the general unrest in the English populace at the time of the restored Stuarts, as well as the laws of primogeniture which did not give the younger sons a very just distribution of the estates of their fathers.

The date of the death of Nicholas Meriwether(2) is given by Louisa H. A. Minor as 1744, and she records his advanced age—97 years of age. All of the dates given by her seem to be in general accord with most of the records that have been kept by the family and those that are available in the archives of Virginia, and most of these records have been in large part substantiated by the recordings of the **Douglas Register**—except for the first Nicholas in America. The fact that three books of prominence paid tribute to the ability of Louisa H. A. Minor for her accuracy and research as the “genealogist of the Meriwether family” has further encouraged me to use the above matter in this book.

—NHM, 1951.

Nicholas 2nd was the eldest of the three brothers and all of the Meriwether family in America are his descendants—David and Francis both married but had no sons to carry on the family name.

(Generation No. 1)

Nicholas Meriwether 1st born in Wales 1600, died in Wales December 19, 1678. He married Elizabeth Woodhouse about 1629 or 1630. Issue, seven children. Three of them came to Virginia; Nicholas, the oldest of the three, about 1667.

(Generation No. 2)

Nicholas Meriwether 2nd, born in Wales, October 26, 1647—died in Virginia 1744—age 97 years—came to America 1667. He outlived most of his children. He is buried on the east bank of the Rivanna river near Charlottesville, Virginia. He was a vestryman for many years at St. Peter's Episcopal church, New Kent County, Virginia. He wed Elizabeth Crawford of New Kent County. Issue nine children:

(Generation No. 3)

(1st child) Jane Meriwether—born..... died..... Wed 1725—Col. Robert Lewis of “Belvoir” Albemarle County, Virginia. He was a great grandson of General Robert Lewis who was born in

No. 3—cont'd

Wales—came to America 1635. This was the first marriage between the Meriwether and Lewis families.

(2nd child) Thomas Meriwether, married, and had a son, Nicholas. No further record.

(3rd child) Nicholas Meriwether 3rd—born 1690—died..... Wed Mildred Thornton. Issue Mildred T. Meriwether—wed John Syme. After death of Nicholas Meriwether 3rd, his widow wed 1741—Dr. Thomas Walker (See Lewis family record).

(4th child) William Meriwether, married Elizabeth Bushrod, and had seven children.

(5th child) David Meriwether—born 1694—died 1744—wed Anne Holmes of King and Queen County, Virginia.

(6th child) Elizabeth Meriwether, born June 20, 1703, baptized July 3, 1703; married Thomas Bray. She died Jan. 1, 1725.

(7th child) Anne Meriwether, married Thomas Johnson.

(8th child) Sarah Meriwether, married William Littlepage. She died July 2, 1733.

(9th child) Mary Meriwether, married John Aylett, and died without issue, 1745.

RECORD OF COL. DAVID MERIWETHER AND ANNE HOLMES

Issue, eight children:

(Generation No. 4)

(1st child) Thomas Meriwether—born 1714—died 1756—wed Elizabeth Thornton. (After Thomas Meriwether's death his widow married Col. Robert Lewis. There was no issue of this marriage.)

(2nd child) Francis Meriwether born 1717—wed Mary Lewis—daughter of Zachary Lewis and Mary Waller.

(3rd child) Nicholas Meriwether, born Dec. 1719; married Mary Prior. He died May 3, 1758.

(4th child) Anne Meriwether, born Nov. 1721; married Thomas Ballard Smith; no issue.

(5th child) Sarah Meriwether, born Feb. 12, 1724. Died in-fancy.

(6th child) David Meriwether, born Oct. 5, 1726; married Mary Weaver, of England. They returned to England.

(7th child) James Meriwether, born June 1, 1729; married 1st, Judith Hardenia Burnley; married 2nd, Elizabeth Pollard.

No. 4—cont'd

(8th child) William Meriwether, born Dec. 25, 1730; married in Louisa county, Va., Martha C. Wood (daughter of Henry and Martha Cox Wood). He died Dec. 24, 1790. She died Oct. 17, 1801.

RECORD OF WILLIAM MERIWETHER
AND MARTHA COX WOOD

Record of **William Meriwether**, 8th child of David Meriwether (3) and Anne Holmes, and Martha Cox Wood. Issue, eight children:

Elizabeth, who married Nicholas Meriwether.

Martha, who married George Meriwether.

David Wood, born 1756, died 1797, who married Mary Lewis.

William, born 1757, who married Sarah Oldham.

Mildred, who married Thomas Mitchell.

Sarah, who married Gen. James Meriwether (Dabney's Legion). The term "Dabney's Legion" is used to differentiate him from a cousin of the same name, and this cousin is known as James Meriwether, D. S. (David's son).

Valentine, son of William Meriwether and Martha Cox Wood, married Priscilla Pollard. (See record below.)

Anne, born 1767, died 1820. She married Maj. John W. Hughes. They were the parents of twenty children, among whom were triplets and twins.

RECORD OF VALENTINE MERIWETHER
AND PRISCILLA POLLARD

Issue of Valentine Meriwether, (born Aug. 17, 1761, died Aug. 15, 1832), and his wife Priscilla Pollard, whom he married Dec. 27, 1790, six children:

Thomas, who married Miss Woolfolk.

Priscilla, Mildred, and Martha Wood Meriwether, who are supposed to have died in infancy.

David, moved to Indiana, where he married and had issue. Names are unknown, but members of this family lived in Bloomington and Vermillion, Indiana. Some members of this family now live in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, among them "Telly" Meriwether, who has sons and daughters. He was named "Taliaferro" but in the course of the years the family has settled on a nickname as

being a better choice, due, no doubt, to the many different pronunciations of "Taliaferro."

George Meriwether, born Dec. 8, 1800, died Dec. 12, 1847. He was a Presbyterian minister for years, until failing health caused him to resign his charge. He was married to Eliza A. Dodds, Nov. 8, 1827. She was born Jan. 17, 1811. They were the parents of five children. Their record follows:

GEORGE MERIWETHER AND ELIZA A. DODDS

(Five Children)

Dr. Samuel Dodds Meriwether, who married 1st, Jane Bowles, of Lewis County, Mo. They were the parents of one son: Judge Robert Meriwether, born at LaBelle, Missouri, April 18, 1853, died June 24, 1933, in Monroe City, Mo. Judge Robert Meriwether married Alice Jane Bondurant and they moved to Rolla, Mo. They had two sons: Carl Meriwether, who died when eighteen years of age, and Judge Roy B. Meriwether, born Dec. 18, 1884. He married Jessie Henderson. They live in Monroe City, Mo. He is now Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

Dr. Samuel Dodds Meriwether, married 2nd,, and by this marriage he had seven children: Dr. Charles W. Meriwether, who died in Long Beach, Calif.; Antoinette, Bonaparte, Josephine, and three girls who are triplets, named Minnie, Annie, and Fannie Meriwether. (These girls were given the names of Ada, Eda, and Ida, in Aunt Lou Minor's book in 1892. Later information seems to confirm that the names as first given here are correct.) They are still living near Rolla, Missouri, and a few years ago were the subject of a feature article in the Kansas City Star. Dr. Samuel Dodds Meriwether died Aug. 13, 1888, in Marion County, Mo.

Valentine, who died young.

Thomas H. Meriwether, married Henrietta Thompson and they had two children: William H. Meriwether, born 1863 and is married; and Henry B. Meriwether, born 1865. This family lives in La Belle (Lewis County), Missouri

George R. Meriwether, married Jane Gregory. This family lives in La Belle (Lewis County), Missouri. They were the parents of nine children: Mary, Thomas H. D., Annie E., Elizabeth, Richard H., Walter G., Hattie A., William H., and George, the last child being born in 1880.

Professor Joseph Daily Meriwether, was born Nov. 25, 1835, at Bloomington, Indiana. He died at Louisiana, Missouri, April 25, 1905. He was married to Laura M. Turner of Eolia (Pike County), Missouri, March 17, 1870. She died Jan. 8, 1910. They were the parents of five children. Here follows a sketch of Joseph Daily Meriwether by one of his sons, T. D. Meriwether of Winston-Salem, North Carolina:

JOSEPH DAILY MERIWETHER

He came to the vicinity of La Belle, Missouri, with his widowed mother, attended local schools, but at an early age entered Westminster College, Fulton, and graduated in the second class of that college. He came to Prairieville (Eolia) Pike County, Missouri, where he married Laura M. Turner. He was county school commissioner of Pike County. He and his wife taught school and in 1877 associated with John A. McAfee in a Presbyterian college, Park College, near Kansas City. In 1880 he built a college at Bowling Green, Missouri, in association with Mr. and Mrs. Champ Clark, but returned to Louisiana, Missouri, in 1884 and engaged in business.

He later taught in Fulcher Academy in Louisiana and in a private school run by himself. He was a noted scholar in Latin, Greek and Hebrew and was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church for thirty years. Both he and his wife are buried in River-view cemetery, Louisiana, Missouri.

RECORD OF JOSEPH DAILY MERIWETHER AND LAURA M. TURNER (Five Children)

Joseph Derling Meriwether, born Aug. 30, 1873, died Feb. 4, 1937. He was state horticulturist of California at the time of his death. He married 1st, Glenora Seamans, March 14, 1894. He married 2nd, Mayme Sargent. Issue, by first marriage, three sons:

1. Albert Joseph Meriwether, born Feb. 8, 1896, at Louisiana, Missouri. He married Ruby Lois Tucker, June 20, 1919, at San Diego, Calif. They have two children: 1. Richard Derling Meriwether, born May 2, 1920, who married Margaret Catherine Viney, Nov. 18, 1945, and they have a son, Thomas Derling Meriwether, born Jan. 11, 1948; 2. Ruby Glenora Meriwether, born June 20, 1925. She married 1st, Clarence Whitney Thomas in 1944 and they had one daughter, Cheryl Ann Thomas, born July 6, 1945. Ruby Glenora Meriwether married 2nd, Lowell Anderson Cheramy, July 2, 1950.

2. Edward William Meriwether, born Jan. 16, 1901, married Mabel Benton, Aug. 1, 1925 in Los Angeles, Calif. They had two sons:
1. John Edward Meriwether, born May 22, 1927, who is now serving in the U.N. Army in Korea; 2. Derling Grey Meriwether, born Sept. 9, 1928. He was killed in Germany in World War II, in 1944, when only 17 years old. He was cited for bravery beyond the call of duty.
3. Leslie Seamans Meriwether, born Jan. 23, 1909. He married Thelma Daniels in Las Vegas, Nevada, Dec. 8, 1934. They have two children: Ann Meriwether, born Nov. 20, 1936; and Amy Lynn Meriwether, born July 9, 1938.

Clara E. Meriwether, born April 13, 1876. She married John Smith, Oct. 20, 1894. They had one daughter:

Margaret Smith, born March 11, 1897. She married Price Hughart, March 15, 1915. They have seven daughters:

Margaret Estelle Hughart, born June 11, 1916. She married Clifford Howell. They have three daughters: Barbara Jean Howell, born July 6, 1935; Ruth Ann Howell, born Feb. 3, 1940; and Tonette Lee Howell, born Dec. 12, 1945.

Erma Rhea Hughart, born Oct. 4, 1919. She married Earl Tucker and they have three children: Earl Ray Tucker, born Nov. 2, 1941; Donald Wayne Tucker, born Nov. 5, 1946; and Nancy Jane Tucker, born June 9, 1950.

Ruth Elizabeth Hughart, born Nov. 28, 1922. She married William D. Schwennsen, Sept. 29, 1940. They have one daughter, Sandra Elaine Schwennsen, born Jan. 20, 1951.

Mary Margery Hughart, born Aug. 25, 1925. She married Warren Bell Magruder, Feb. 8, 1943. They have one child: Melaney Sue, born Jan. 1, 1947.

Betty Jean Hughart, born Nov. 27, 1930. She married Robert R. Kilby, Sept. 18, 1949.

Jo-Ann Hughart, born Feb. 3, 1932.

Dorothea Sue Hughart, born April 10, 1935.

Frank M. Meriwether, born May 5, 1877, died Sept. 12, 1935. He married Laura Jane Markwell. She died July 18, 1939. They had one son: Francis Oliver, born Aug. 15, 1908, and he died Nov. 14, 1931.

Ella Bessie Meriwether, born Oct. 19, 1878. She married Dr. William R. Henderson, a Presbyterian minister, Dec. 29, 1903. They have one son:

Rev. Willis Craig Henderson, born Aug. 5, 1905. He married Isabelle Youngblood, June 20, 1934. They have three children: Mary Isabelle Henderson; William Beckman Henderson; and Meriwether Henderson.

Thomas Dewitt Meriwether, born Feb. 6, 1885. He married Stella M. Litch, Sept. 8, 1908. They live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

RECORD OF THOMAS MERIWETHER AND ELIZABETH THORNTON

(He was the first child of David Meriwether and Anne Holmes)

Issue, eleven children:

(Generation No. 5)

(1st child) Nicholas Meriwether(5)—born Sept. 7, 1736—died Dec. 19, 1772—wed Dec. 31, 1760—Margaret Douglas. See Note below.

(2nd child) Francis Meriwether, born Oct. 31, 1737; married Martha Jamieson.

(3rd child) David Meriwether, born Sept. 2, 1739; married Mary Harvie.

(4th child) Mary Meriwether—born 1742—wed Peachy Ridgeway Gilmer, their grandson—George Rockingham Gilmer—was a Governor of Georgia.

(5th child) Elizabeth Meriwether, born March 3, 1744; married Thomas Johnson.

(6th child) Sarah Meriwether, born Nov. 26, 1746; married Michael Anderson.

(7th child) Anne Meriwether, born May 1, 1750; married Richard Anderson. Issue, seven children. Their fourth child, David Anderson married 1st, Susan Moore, and by this marriage he had one daughter, Anne M. Anderson, who married William Porter. This couple had two children: Helen C. Porter, who married a Capt. Dean, no issue; and a son, Dr. J. Meriwether Porter, who married Mary Boothe. They lived in Clarksville, Missouri. They had three children: Mamie Porter, Katie Porter, neither of whom married, and Nettie Porter, born 1858, died 1933, who married James Blaine, who was a mayor of Springfield, Missouri. There were four children of this marriage: 1. Mary Blaine, married Wm. A. Warden, no issue; 2. Helen Blaine, married Henry Young, no issue; 3. James Reginald Blaine, married Julia Pierce, no issue;

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and Dorothy Blaine, unmarried. All of the Blaines live in Springfield, Missouri.

(8th child) Lucy Meriwether—born 1752—wed 1st Capt. William Lewis. Issue: Meriwether Lewis of Lewis and Clark Expedition—never married. Dr. Reuben Lewis wed Mildred Dabney—no issue. Jane Lewis wed Edmund Anderson. Issue seven children. After Capt. Lewis' death, his widow (Lucy) wed Col. John Marks. Issue Dr. John Marks and Mary Marks (see Lewis family record).

(9th child) Mildred Meriwether—born 1753—wed John Gilmer, a younger brother of Peachy R. Gilmer. There are many prominent descendants of these two Gilmer families through the South and other parts of the United States.

(10th child) Thomas Meriwether, born Nov. 5, 1755. Died infancy.

(11th child) Jane Meriwether, born April 3, 1757; married Samuel Dabney.

Note

Col. Nicholas Meriwether(5), born September 7, 1736—died December 19, 1772—son of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton. Wed December 31, 1760—Margaret Douglas—born in Scotland Sept. 22, 1737—daughter of Rev. William Douglas and Miss Nicholas Hunter.

Rev. Douglas was born and educated in Scotland and was a learned man—was ordained a priest of the church of England (Episcopal) in London about 1751. When he first came to America he was a teacher in the family of Colonel Monroe—father of President Monroe—who was one of his pupils—other pupils were President Thomas Jefferson, President James Madison and Nicholas Meriwether. Nicholas was not Mr. Jefferson's intellectual equal—and when he missed his lessons, Parson Douglas would shake his finger under Nicholas' nose and exclaim: "Nicky Meriwether—why cawn't you be clever like Tommy Jefferson?" As time rolled on—Nicky was clever enough to marry the parson's only child, Margaret Douglas.

RECORD OF NICHOLAS MERIWETHER(5) AND MARGARET DOUGLAS

Nearly all of the Meriwether family are descendants of Nicholas Meriwether(5) and his wife Margaret Douglas.

Issue, six children :

(Generation No. 6)

- (1) William Douglas Meriwether born 1761—died 1845—wed 1788—Elizabeth Lewis—daughter of Nicholas Lewis and Mary Walker of "Castle Hill" plantation. He inherited "Clover Fields" the home built by his great-great grandfather Nicholas Meriwether 2nd on the land granted by King George II of England in 1730—Clover Fields is now owned by Miss Randolph—one of his descendants.
- (2) Thomas Meriwether—born Aug. 24, 1763—wed Anne Minor, July 27, 1791. Issue, five children :
 Richard Terrell Meriwether, born May 11, 1793; married Elizabeth Rivers.
 Garritt Minor Meriwether, born Dec. 1794; married Mary Anne Minor.
 Peter N. Meriwether, born Feb. 7, 1796; married 1st, Mary W. Meriwether; married 2nd, Mrs. Frances W. Tapp.
 Mary Minor Meriwether, born July 2, 1798; married John Barker.
 Thomas L. Meriwether, born Sept. 27, 1799. Never married.

Note

Record of Garritt Minor Meriwether and Mary Anne Minor. He died in 1851. Issue, seven children. Their first three children died in infancy.

Lucy Anne Meriwether, born May 22, 1822; married John Hull of Mississippi.

Minor Meriwether, born Jan. 15, 1828; married Elizabeth Avery, Jan. 5, 1852.

Niles Meriwether, born Jan. 26, 1831; married Lida P. Smith.

Robert D. Owen Meriwether, born Jan. 8, 1843.

RECORD OF MINOR MERIWETHER AND ELIZABETH AVERY

Record of Minor Meriwether and his wife, Elizabeth Avery. Three sons :

Avery Meriwether, born July 15, 1857, died July 22, 1883.

Rivers Blythe Meriwether, born July 26, 1859; married Lulu Norval, Jan. 27, 1886. Issue, two daughters: Susan Lee Meriwether, born 1887, and married John Boogher. Issue of Susan Meriwether and John Boogher, one son: John

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Boogher, now living in Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Susan Meriwether Boogher married 2nd, Charles E. Bryan. She now lives in Havre de Grace, Maryland; Elizabeth Meriwether, second daughter of Rivers B. Meriwether and Lulu Norval, married Mr. McLure. She is now a widow and lives in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Lee Meriwether, born Dec. 25, 1862; married Jessie Gair, Dec. 4, 1895. She died July 24, 1945. Issue, Marie Rivers, deceased; Lee, Jr., deceased.

The following is the pertinent information given about Lee Meriwether in the current "Who's Who in America": Meriwether, Lee, lawyer, author; born, Columbus, Miss., Dec. 25, 1862; son of Minor and Elizabeth (Avery) Meriwether; educated at Memphis, Tenn.; studied law; practices in St. Louis, Mo.; married Jessie Gair, December 4, 1895; (she died July 24, 1945); children—Marie Rivers (dec.), Lee (dec). In 1885-86 took a "tramp trip" from Gibraltar to Bosphorus; later appointed by secretary of the interior to write a report on condition of laborers in Europe; later special agent Interior Department, and for 3 years collected data in regard to labor in United States and Hawaiian Islands; resigned to accept labor commissionship of Missouri. His report led to laws against "truck store" system. Reports on municipal government and street railway franchises led to his receiving Democratic nomination for mayor of St. Louis; Public Ownership Party candidate for mayor, 1901, and claimed election, but was counted out; again candidate, 1905 and 1941. Took a trip, 1891, to the island prisons of the Mediterranean; on 25th anniversary of "tramp trip" through Europe traversed same route with wife in automobile; on 40th anniversary flew over great part of tramp trip in airplane, following 2-year trip around world. Sent by Secretary of State Lansing to Europe as special assistant to the American Ambassador to France, with special missions to the French and Italian fronts, 1916, and again in 1918 to France on special mission for the Department of State to organize central control of passports during the war. Elected president Society of St. Louis Authors, 1933. Decorated Croce di Cavaliere Ufficiale of Crown of Italy, 1938. Author: *A Tramp Trip—How to See Europe on Fifty Cents a Day*, 1887; *The Tramp at Home*, 1890; *Afloat and Ashore on the Mediterranean*, 1892; *Miss Chunk*, 1899; *A Lord's Courtship*, 1900; *Seeing Europe by Automobile*, 1911; *War Diary of a Diplomat*, 1919; *Le Journal de Lee Meriwether* (trans. into French at instance of French Government), 1923; *My Yes-*

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teryears; an Autobiography, 1942; Afterthoughts, 1945; Jim Reed—Senatorial Immortal, 1948; Europe—Now and Then, 1951. Home: St. Louis, Missouri.

- (3) Nicholas Hunter Meriwether—born 1765—wed Rebecca Terrell, a very beautiful woman. After her husband's death she came to Missouri with her two sons, Walker Gilmer Meriwether of Aberdeen and Dr. Fontaine Meriwether of North Lincoln County. She died at Aberdeen and is buried at Elmwood cemetery in Lincoln County.

RECORD OF NICHOLAS HUNTER MERIWETHER AND REBECCA TERRELL.

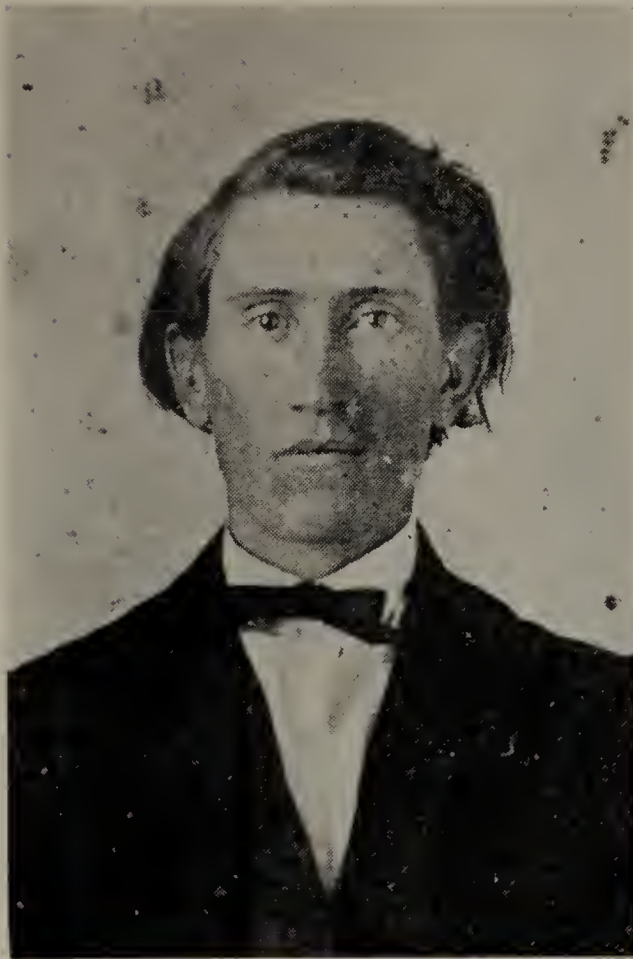
Nicholas Hunter Meriwether—born Jan. 9, 1765, son of Nicholas Meriwether(5), and Margaret Douglas—wed Rebecca Terrell. Issue six children:

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- (1) Douglas Meriwether—wed Judith Bernard—no descendants in Missouri.
- (2) Dr. Charles H. Meriwether—wed 1st Miss Anne E. Anderson, wed 2nd Frances Thomas.
- (3) Nancy T. Meriwether—wed her first cousin, Nicholas Hunter Lewis, eldest son of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether.

Issue two daughters: Susan—wed N. P. Minor. Issue Lewis Minor—killed by train. Susan Lewis Minor, born 1825, died 1859, buried at "Elmwood." Lydia Laurie—wed Hon. Peter Carr. (See Lewis Family Record).

- (4) Walker Gilmer Meriwether, born Feb. 9, 1794, died July 10, 1841. Married 1st, Betsey Meriwether. Issue, one son, Francis T., born 1819, died 1840. Walker G. Meriwether married 2nd time, Jane Warner Lewis. Issue, six children:
1. Bettie M. D. Meriwether, born 1824, married George Wilson, 1845. No issue.
 2. George D. Meriwether, born Dec. 9, 1826, married 1st, Anne W. Wells, 1848, no issue; married 2nd, Bettie G. Meriwether, 1852, she died 1855. By this marriage, they had one son, Walker Gilmer Meriwether, born Aug. 7,



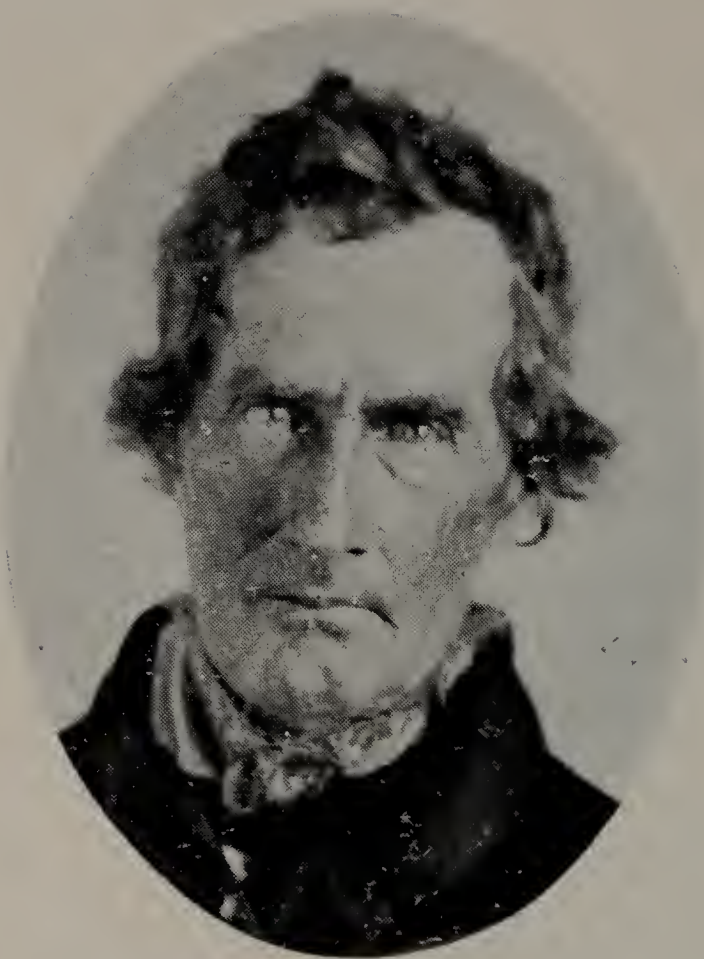
PROF. JOSEPH DAILY MERIWETHER
(Son of George Meriwether and Eliza A. Dodds. He was a great-great grandson of Col. David Meriwether and Anne Holmes.)



MERIWETHER LEWIS ANDERSON
(Son of Capt. David Anderson and Susan Moore; grandson of Richard Anderson and Anne Meriwether.)



REV. RICHARD LEWIS ANDERSON
(Son of Meriwether Lewis Anderson and Eliza Leitch. He was a rector of the Episcopal Church.)



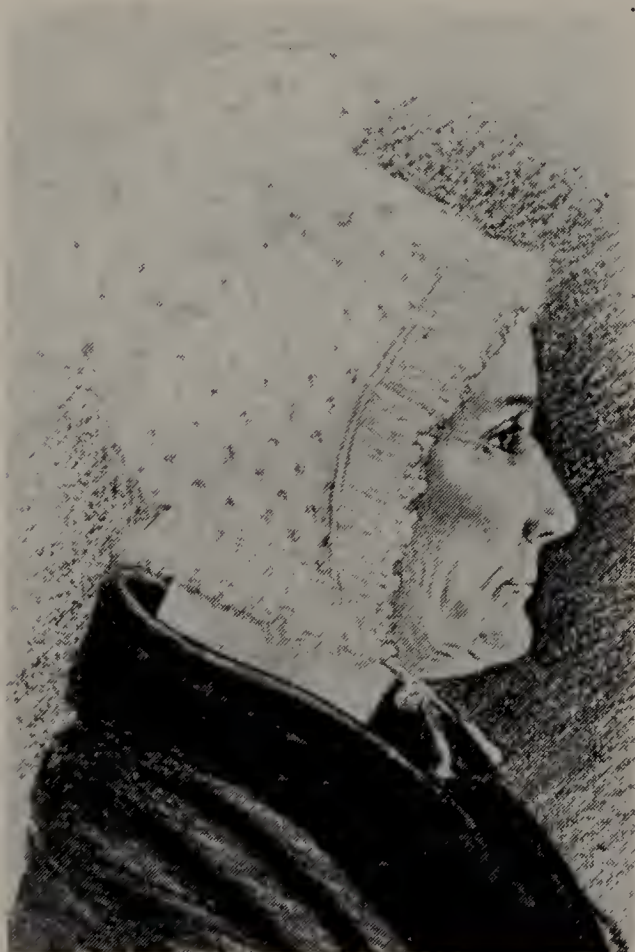
DR. FONTAINE MERIWETHER

(Son of Nicholas Hunter Meriwether and Rebecca Terrell. He was a grandson of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)



WINIFRED ADELINE MILLER

(Wife of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether, daughter of Heath Jones Miller and Miss Guerrant.)



REBECCA TERRELL

(Mrs. Nicholas Hunter Meriwether, daughter of Richmond Terrell and Barbara Overton. Her husband was a son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. She was the mother of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Walker Gilmer Meriwether.)



REBECCA LOUISA MERIWETHER

(Mrs. George G. Winn, more familiarly known as "Mama Lou" Winn, daughter of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Adeline Miller. She was a granddaughter of Rebecca Terrell Meriwether, shown left, and a great-granddaughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)

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1853, died at "Elm Wood," Jan. 30, 1895, who married Mrs. Anne McCravey (born Oct. 19, 1858, died Nov. 11, 1940). Issue, four children:

Alice Crouch Meriwether, born July 14, 1886, died May 21, 1910.

George Robert Meriwether, born Aug. 17, 1887; married Ollie O. Adkins, Sept. 12, 1908. Issue: Floy Lucille Meriwether, born March 17, 1910. She married Cyrus Thompson, Feb. 24, 1932. The Thompsons have one daughter, Valerie Anne Thompson, born April 21, 1940; Margaret Anne Meriwether, born June 1, 1920, died March 8, 1935.

Fontaine Gilmer Meriwether, born July 30, 1889; married Nettie S. Elgin, Aug. 20, 1911. Issue, two children: Gilmer Elgin Meriwether, born Sept. 10, 1912; Mary Anne Meriwether, born Feb. 28, 1914, married Richard H. Grandstaff, May 7, 1938. They live in Louisiana, Missouri.

Francis Thornton Meriwether, born Nov. 7, 1894. He lives at "Elm Wood," one of the earliest family homes of the Lewises and Meriwethers, in Lincoln County, Missouri. It is here that **Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis, the only daughter of Nicholas Meriwether(5) and Margaret Douglas is buried**, as well as many others of the older generations of the two families.

3. Franklin Montgomery Meriwether, born March 14, 1831, died Sept. 10, 1856. He married his first cousin, Mary Christian Meriwether, daughter of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether. All of their children died in infancy.
4. Alice V. Meriwether, born June 18, 1838. She died in 1928. She married Henry von Phul Block Sept. 20, 1853. She lived until 1918 in the home place of her father, Walker Gilmer Meriwether and then removed to California in 1918. Their home was "Aberdeen," near Eolia, Missouri. She was known to the relatives as "Cousin Allie." Issue of Alice V. Meriwether and Henry V. P. Block:

George M. Block, born Dec. 10, 1856, married Helen L. Sylvester, Oct. 10, 1883, issue, one child: Helen

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Block, who married William Whittlesey. The Whittlesey family has three children: William Whittlesey who married Sue, and they have two children, Susan and Anne Whittlesey; Jean Whittlesey married William Birney, and they have two children: Lorain and Whittlesey Birney; George Block Whittlesey married, and they have one daughter: Patricia Katherine.

Harry L. Block, born March 15, 1863, married Nancy Boetler Livermore. Issue, two daughters: Margaret Boetler Block, married 1st, John McDonald, and by this marriage, one daughter Margaret Boetler McDonald, who married Samuel Priest. The Priest family has two children: Hugh Scott and Margaret Boetler Priest. Margaret Boetler Block (McDonald) married 2nd, Walker Hill. Anne Montgomery Block, daughter of Harry L. Block and Nancy Boetler Livermore married Hugh Scott. The Scotts have three children: Hugh Scott, Jr., who married Alice A. McAfee and they have one son, Hugh Scott; Nancy Boetler Scott, who married David Weismier, and they have one daughter, Nancy Boetler Weismier; Bertha Drake Scott, who married George Perry.

Walker Meriwether Block, born July 15, 1866, married Nellie Lynott. They had one son, Henry von Phul Block, unmarried.

Sallie C. Block, born June 26, 1870.

Alice V. Block, born Sept. 24, 1872, married Frederick Alexander Hamilton. The Hamiltons had one daughter, Alice Block Hamilton, who married Philip Clinton Sterry. The Sterrys had one daughter, Virginia A. Sterry and she married George Kilton Hislop. The Hislops have two children: Anne Kilton and William Sterry Hislop.

Mary M. Block, born May 7, 1876.

Helen Louise Block, born July 11, 1882. She lives with two of her sisters in Pasadena, California (1951).

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- (5) Dr. Fontaine Meriwether—wed Winifred Adeline Miller. (See record below.)

Note—The Miller family settled in Albemarle and Goochland counties, Virginia, around 1700. The first record I have been able to find of Winifred Adeline Miller's family is the marriage of her grandfather, William Miller to Mary Heath in 1742. They had a family of 10 children, and one of their sons was named Heath Jones Miller. I have been unable to find definite proof as to the maiden name of the wife of Heath Jones Miller, but have good reason to think that he married a Miss Guerrant who was a member of some of the French refugees who came to Virginia to escape the "Reign of Terror." The record indicates that this family came to America around 1790 or 1791. The presence of the name "Peter Guerrant Meriwether" (son of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Winifred Adeline Miller) in the list of children gives a high presumption that the mother of Winifred Adeline Miller was a member of the Guerrant family and that her father's name was "Peter Guerrant." Many of the Pike County (Missouri) Meriwethers have often wondered where the name "Heath Jones" came from and it was by accident that I discovered the source of the name in the Parson Douglas Register, where the marriage of William Miller and Mary Heath is recorded, as well as the names and baptisms of their ten children.

- (6) Margaret Meriwether—wed Thomas Terrell. (This family moved to Tennessee and Kentucky).

RECORD OF DR. FONTAINE MERIWETHER AND ADELINE MILLER

Dr. Fontaine Meriwether, son of Nicholas Hunter Meriwether and Rebecca Terrell. He was a grandson of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. Dr. Fontaine Meriwether—born Jan. 1795—wed Winifred Adeline Miller, Nov. 5, 1822. Issue, seven children:

(Generation No. 8)

- (1) Nicholas Hunter Meriwether—born July 11, 1824—wed Abiah F. Sydner of Troy.

Issue: John Fontaine Meriwether, wed Kate Morton.

Issue: Mary Meriwether, wed Merrill A. Taylor.

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Issue: Merrill A. Taylor, 2nd—wed Elinor Maxwell.

Issue: Ann Taylor, John Taylor.

- (2) Bettie G. Meriwether, born Nov. 1825—wed her first cousin, George D. Meriwether. Issue, one son, Walker Gilmer Meriwether.

Walker Gilmer Meriwether wed Mrs. Anne McCravey, Sept. 3, 1885; issue, four children: Alice C., George Robert, Fontaine Gilmer and Francis Thornton Meriwether. (See Walker Gilmer Meriwether and Anne McCravey record.)

- (3) Nannie L. Meriwether, born October 1827—wed William Lewis, her 2nd cousin, son of Thomas Meriwether Lewis and Emeline Weymer. Issue, two children: Adeline Fontaine Lewis, born Feb. 26, 1856, died Sept. 14, 1933; Nicholas Hunter Lewis, born 1854, died 1929. Never married.

Adeline Fontaine Lewis, wed 1st her 2nd cousin, Edwin Davis, son of John Winn Davis of "Ashburton" and Alice Thornton Lewis. Issue four children:

Lutie Winn Davis, wed Joseph Smith. Issue: eight children.

Nicholas Lewis Davis, wed Georgia Norvell. No issue.

James David Davis, wed Lottie Wright. Issue three daughters.

Alice Thornton Davis, wed Grover Henry. Issue: four children.

(See Davis family record in this book for complete data.)

After the death of Edwin Davis, born July 20, 1848, died March 18, 1885—Adeline Fontaine Lewis Davis wed 2nd George Akers. Issue: Edwin D. Akers, wed Ora May Canter. Issue: Edwin D. Akers, Jr., Mary Louise Akers.

After the death of Nannie L. Meriwether Lewis, her husband, William Lewis, wed Helen Woolfork of Troy. Issue eight children: sons—George, Richard, Austin, Shapleigh, and Thomas; daughters—Caroline, Mrs. A. B. Magruder; Belle, Mrs. D. B. Page; Bessie, Mrs. Champ Ogden. (See Lewis family record).

- (4) Charles J. Meriwether, born February 1829, wed Lydia Laurie Wells, daughter of John Wells and Elizabeth Wells, grand-



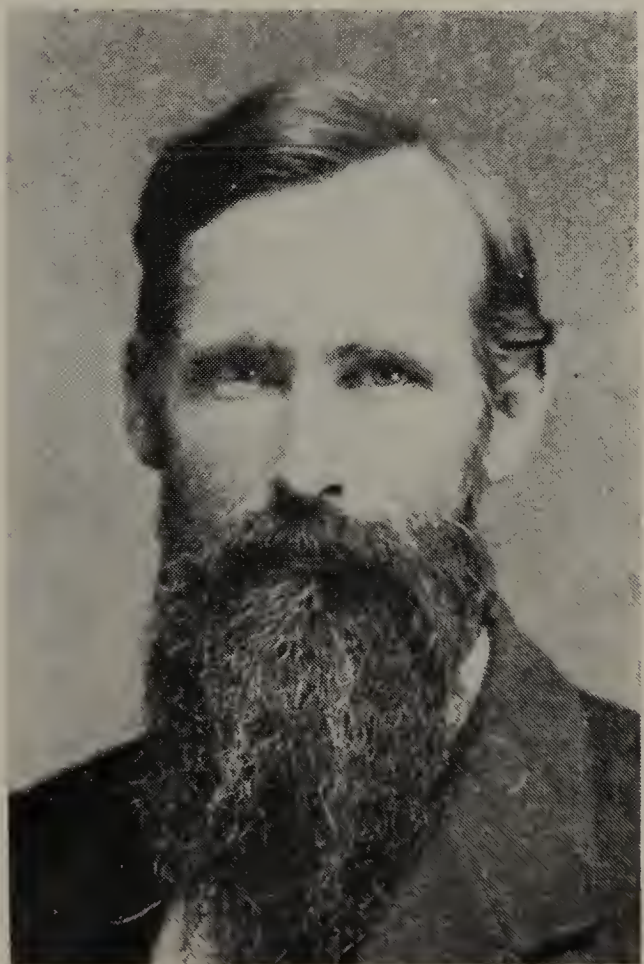
JANE WARNER LEWIS
(Mrs. Walker Gilmer Meriwether, daughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether.)



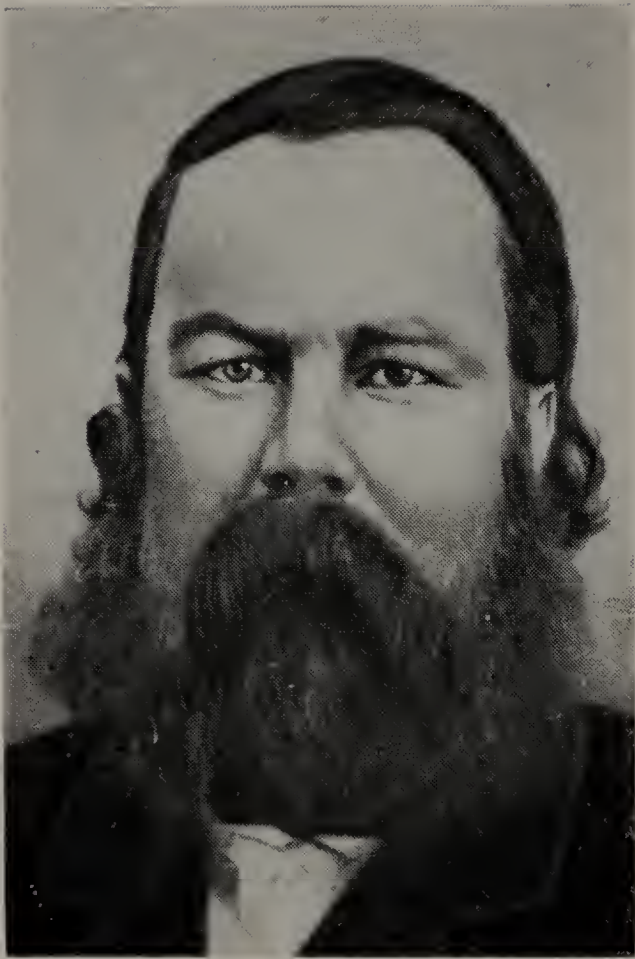
ALICE VIRGINIA MERIWETHER
(Mrs. Henry V. P. Block, daughter of Walker Gilmer Meriwether and Jane Warner Lewis. She was a great-granddaughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)



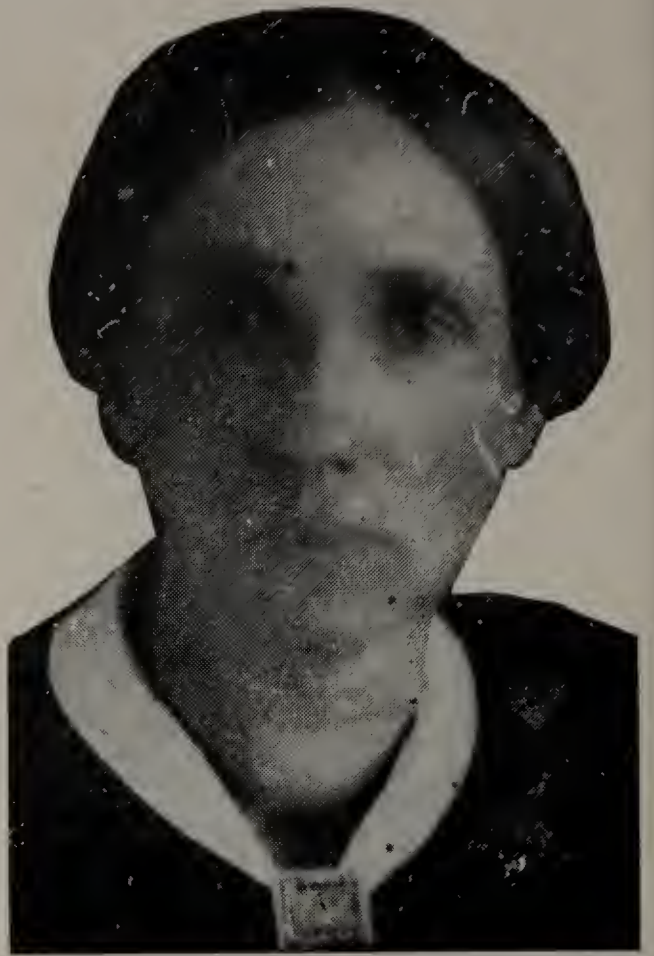
ELIZABETH J. DAWSON
(Wife of Francis Thornton Meriwether, shown right. She was the mother of Dr. Charles L. Meriwether of Louisiana, Missouri and grandmother of Charles L. Meriwether, Jr.)



FRANCIS THORNTON MERIWETHER
(Son of William Nicholas Meriwether Jr., and Martha Louisa Manson. He was a great-grandson of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)



HEATH JONES MERIWETHER
(Son of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Adeline Miller. He was a great-grandson of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)



LYDIA LAURIE EASTIN
(Wife of Heath Jones Meriwether, daughter of Mary Overton Minor and Samuel D. Eastin. She was a great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Meriwether [Lewis]).



MERIWETHER AND LEWIS FAMILY GROUP

Front row—left to right: Mrs. Mary Lewis Gale of Boston, daughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Isabella Gilmer; William Nicholas Meriwether, of Ashburton; Miss Mary Overton Meriwether, daughter of Heath J. Meriwether; Miss Alice Meriwether, daughter of W. N. Meriwether.

Second row—left to right: John Davis Meriwether, son of W. N. Meriwether; Mrs. Anne T. Hamilton Moore, wife of Berry Moore, descendant of Gov. Ridgeway Gilmer of Virginia; William Meriwether Lewis, son of Thomas Walker Lewis and Isabella Gilmer; and Miss Mayme Fauntleroy (Mrs. Lewis), of Lynchburg, Va.

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daughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether. Issue:

Bettie G. Meriwether, wed David Crank. Issue, two sons: James L. Crank and Charles Meriwether Crank, who married Ethel Shields—they live in Eolia, Mo.

Charles F. Meriwether, wed Julia Brown. Issue, three children: Lydia Laurie Meriwether, wed Herman Werges, April 6, 1913. She lives in Alton, Ill.; William G. Meriwether, born Oct. 27, 1884, wed Lola Harriett Watts, and they have one daughter, Marjorine Dean Meriwether, who married Olaf W. Swander. The Swanders have two sons, Walter Lee and Robert Edward Swander; Edward Leafayne Meriwether, born Aug. 2, 1892, wed Stella Grace Warner, June 13, 1925. They live near Bowling Green, Missouri.

Addie M. Meriwether, wed Noah Dameron. Issue four sons: Meriwether Dameron, Henry Dameron, Robert Leland Dameron, and David Crank Dameron.

Issue of Meriwether Dameron, born Jan. 22, 1895, and Vesta Davis. They were married Dec. 1, 1917. Six children: 1 Ora Dameron, born Aug. 15, 1918 and married Cottle P. Ogden, Jan. 29, 1942, and have two children: Phillip Ogden, born Oct. 28, 1944; and Cheryl Ann Ogden, born May 29, 1949; 2. George Davis Dameron, born Oct. 17, 1920, and married April 25, 1942, and they have two children: George Davis Dameron, born Dec. 20, 1942; and Sherry Lynn Dameron, born Sept. 25, 1946; 3. Norman Richard Dameron, born Sept. 21, 1924, and married Feb. 16, 1946, and they have one child: Richard Edward Dameron; 4. Lillian Alene Dameron, born April 5, 1927, and married S. J. Eddy, July 3, 1943, and they have three children: Russell Dee Eddy, born July 27, 1946, Samuel Jefferson Eddy, born Sept. 12, 1948, and Kathy Alene Eddy, born March 24, 1951; 5. Melvin Miller Dameron, born April 16, 1929, and is married and has a daughter, Evalene Vesta Dameron; 6. Garritt Eugene Dameron, born Nov. 7, 1933, and he is unmarried.

Henry Dameron, born Dec. 8, 1896, is unmarried

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Robert Leland Dameron, born April 30, 1898, married Iverna Mayes, Aug. 1920, and they have one son, Marion Francis Dameron, born Oct. 24, 1926, and he is married and has four children: Mary Iverna, Jhoann, Bonnie, and Connie Dameron.

David Crank Dameron, born Dec. 7, 1899, is unmarried.
 George Winn Meriwether, wed Annie Triplett. Issue one daughter, Dora Meriwether—married Thornton Smalley.
 Thomas W. Meriwether, never married.
 Frederick G. Meriwether, never married.
 John Lewis Meriwether, wed Ella Key Gibbs. No issue.

- (5) Mary Christian Meriwether, born April 1831—wed her first cousin, Franklin Montgomery Meriwether, son of Walker Gilmer Meriwether and Jane Lewis of Aberdeen.

Aunt Chris was greatly beloved by everyone. Her home, Sweet Canaan, was always open to those in need. Her niece and nephew, Adeline F. Lewis and N. Hunter Lewis lived with Aunt Chris after their mother's death when they were children.

- (6) Heath Jones Meriwether, born Feb. 23, 1836—wed his cousin, Lydia Laurie Eastin, daughter of Mary Overton Minor Eastin and Samuel D. Eastin, granddaughter of Lydia Laurie Lewis Minor and Samuel Overton Minor.

Issue nine children:

1. Fontaine Meriwether, born May 14, 1862. Married Carey Shannon, May 26, 1886. Issue, two children: Shannon Meriwether; Louise Meriwether. Fontaine Meriwether died in 1944.
2. Mary Overton Meriwether, born March 4, 1864, died Dec. 1940.
3. Heath Jones Meriwether, Jr.—Never married.
4. Charles Douglas Meriwether, born March 19, 1869. Married Stella Knapp in 1891. Issue, one daughter, Helen Lucille Meriwether.
5. Emmet Meriwether—never married.
6. Franklin Montgomery Meriwether, born Oct. 23, 1873. He married Ethel Grant Nelson, November, 1904. Issue, three children: Nelson Heath Meriwether; Maury Lewis Meriwether; and Annie Laurie Meriwether.

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- 7. Matthew Maury Meriwether—never married.
- 8. Annie Laurie Meriwether—never married.
- 9. Louise Christian Meriwether—died in infancy.

(7) Louisa Rebecca Meriwether, wed George G. Winn.

Issue: Mary M. Winn—never married; James Elliot Winn—never married.

Aunt Lou or "Mamma Lou" (as many of the younger generation called her), was a handsome intelligent woman. After being left a widow when her children were small, she lived from then on with her first cousin, Mrs. Alice Meriwether Block at "Aberdeen." She was a devout Episcopalian, confirmed at St. John's in 1856. She was such a wise, dependable leader, and managed the church finances and other business so well that she was often called the "Bishop of Pike." She died in Calif. in 1928 at the age of 88 years. Her body was brought back by her daughter and laid to rest beside her husband and son in the shady cemetery of Old St. John's Church. The lovely brass cross on the Altar of St. John's Church was given in her memory by the late Harry L. Block, son of H. V. and Alice Meriwether Block of "Aberdeen."

(8) Peter Guerrant Meriwether, died infancy.

(Generation No. 9)

(1) Fontaine Meriwether (son of Heath Jones Meriwether and Lydia Laurie Eastin) married Carey Shannon. Issue, two children:

Shannon Meriwether, born May 4, 1895; married Dorothy Aldrich, Dec. 29, 1923. They have one daughter, Jane Meriwether, born Jan 11, 1925. She married James H. Corbitt, May 28, 1949. The Meriwethers live in Tryon, North Carolina. The Corbitts live in Durham, North Carolina.

Louise Meriwether, born 1903; married George A. Wallace. No issue. They live in Springfield, Missouri.

(2) Charles Douglas Meriwether (son of Heath Jones Meriwether and Lydia Laurie Eastin) married Stella Knapp. They had one daughter, Helen Lucille Meriwether, who married a Mr. Knapp. She was born July 4, 1892. She now lives in California. (1951).

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- (3) Franklin Montgomery Meriwether (son of Heath Jones Meriwether and Lydia Laurie Eastin) was born October 23, 1873. He married Ethel Grant Nelson in November, 1904.

Issue three children:

Nelson Heath Meriwether, born August 23, 1905.

Maury Lewis Meriwether, born August 10, 1907.

Annie Laurie Meriwether, born July 4, 1909.

(Generation No. 10)

- (1) Nelson Heath Meriwether married Mary Agnes Immele, November 21, 1940. They live in Columbia, Missouri (1951).

Issue two children:

Annie Laurie Meriwether, born January 20, 1942.

Heath J Meriwether, born January 20, 1944.

- (2) Maury Lewis Meriwether married Grace Brush, December 30, 1931. They had one son, Maury Lewis Meriwether, Jr., who died when ten days old. They live in Worthington, Ohio (1951).

- (3) Annie Laurie Meriwether married Garth H. Bemis, February 23, 1935. The Bemis family lives in Ferguson, Missouri (1951). Issue two children:

Alan Greenway Bemis, born March 4, 1939.

Philip Lawrence Bemis, born July 3, 1941.

End of Nicholas Hunter Meriwether and Rebecca Terrell Record

(Continuation of Generation 6—Children of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas)

(4) Dr. Charles Meriwether, b. Aug. 12, 1766, d. Oct. 7, 1843.

m. 1st—Lydia Laurie, in Scotland. A cousin. Issue: Lydia Laurie Meriwether, died inf.; m. 2nd—Nancy Minor, daughter of Dabney Minor and Ann Anderson. Issue: Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether, b. Aug. 19, 1801, Albemarle Co. Va., d. Sept. 27, 1877, "Woodstock" Todd Co. Ky., m. 1821—Caroline Huntley Barker, b. 1804, daughter of Charles Barker and Barbara Walton; m. 3rd—Mrs. Mary Walton Daniel. Issue: William Douglas Meriwether, unmarried. Dr. James Hunter Meriwether, b. 1814, d. March 11, 1890. m. 1840—Lucinda Elizabeth McClure.

Dr. Meriwether and family moved to land on the border between Kentucky and Tennessee near Clarksville, Tennessee—built the family home "Meriville" and "Woodstock" which are still owned by descendants. Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer of New Orleans, writer and author of stories and books, better known as Dorothy Dix—the name she uses in newspaper columns—is a descendant of Dr. Meriwether's eldest son, Col. Charles N. Minor Meriwether.

THE DESCENDANTS OF DR. CHARLES MERIWETHER

Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether and Caroline Huntley Barker, issue, five:

Charles Edward Meriwether, m. Elizabeth Golden Sharpe

Nancy Minor Meriwether, m. John Ferguson

Mary Walton Meriwether, m. Judge Robert West Humphreys

Caroline Douglas Meriwether, m. 1st—.....Sturtevant;
m. 2nd—Col. Michael Campbell Goodlet

William Douglas Meriwether, b. Jan. 1, 1837, "Woodstock," Todd Co., Ky., d. Sept. 12, 1930, Oak Park, Ill. m. 1st—June 30, 1860—Mariah Kimbrough Winston, b. Nov. 7, 1840, Green Co. Ky., d. Sept. 6, 1869, Clarksville, Tenn., daughter of David Yancey Winston and Elizabeth Trabue; m. 2nd—Mrs. Mattie Gilmer Chase, daughter of Thornton Gilmer and Lydia Barker.

Dr. James Hunter Meriwether and Lucinda Elizabeth McClure, issue, eight:

Mary Overton Meriwether, m. Robert Rowley

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Elizabeth Lewis Meriwether, m. Alex M. Barker
 James McClure Meriwether, m. Margaret Douglas Barker
 Charles Nicholas Meriwether, m. Miss Tutwiler
 John Walton Meriwether, m. Jennie Ballard
 Dr. William Douglas Meriwether, m. Marian Walton Barker
 Hunter McKean Meriwether, m. Lucy Underwood Western
 Gilmer Meriwether, m. Hollie Berry Dorset. (See Record of
 Gilmer Meriwether and Hollie Berry Dorset, below).

Capt. Charles Edward Meriwether, C.S.A. and Elizabeth Golden
 Sharpe, issue, five:

Maxwell Sharpe Meriwether, m. 1st—Nannie Warfield, m.
 2nd—Lillian Keene
 Charles Nicholas Meriwether, unmarried
 James McClure Meriwether, unmarried
 Charles Edward Meriwether, Jr., unmarried
 Katherine Maxwell Meriwether, m. Judge Henry S. Barker.

Nancy Minor Meriwether and John Ferguson, issue, three:
 Caroline Champlin Ferguson, m. Douglas Meriwether (cousin)
 James Hunter Ferguson, m. Parthenia Kimbrough
 Nancy Minor Ferguson, died inf.

Mary Walton Meriwether and Judge Robert West Humphreys,
 issue, nine:

Nancy Minor Humphreys, m. Robert Lewis Armistead
 Elizabeth Hughes Humphreys, m. Col. Cary Nelson Weisiger
 Caroline Humphreys, 1856-1947. Unmarried
 Charles Nicholas Humphreys, died inf.
 Robert West Humphreys, 1860-1879. Unmarried
 Edward Humphreys, 1862-1892. Unmarried
 West Humphreys, m. Mamie Patch
 John Barker Humphreys, m. Lizzie Logan
 William Douglas Humphreys, died inf.

Caroline Douglas Meriwether andSturtevant, issue,
 one:

Meriwether Sturtevant, m.; Caroline Douglas
 Meriwether m. 2nd, Col. Michael Campbell Goodlet, issue,
 one: Caroline Barker Goodlet, m. John Fletcher Baxter.

William Douglas Meriwether and Mariah Kimbrough Winston,
 issue, three:

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Elizabeth Meriwether ("Dorothy Dix"), m. George Oglethorpe Gilmer. New Orleans, La.

Mary Douglas Meriwether, m. George Marsh Patch

Charles Edward Meriwether, m. Daisy Whitfield. New Orleans, La.

Nancy Minor Humphreys and Robert Lewis Armistead, issue, five:

Charles Meriwether Armistead, m. Jane Foster

Ellen Barker Armistead, m. Henry Searight

Nancy Minor Armistead, m. Dr. Ellis Saunders Allen. Louisville, Ky.

Rev. West Humphreys Armistead, m. Lucile Belk. Montreat, N. C.

William Christian Armistead, m. Anna Rhoel.

Elizabeth Hughes Humphreys and Col. Cary Nelson Weisiger, issue, four:

Cary Nelson Weisiger, Jr., m. Louise Little. Ivy Depot, Va.

Mary Humphreys Weisiger, m. Thomas William White

Elizabeth West Weisiger, m. Hamilton Whitelaw

Lucy Page Weisiger, m. Joseph Hays McNaugher.

West Humphreys and Mamie Patch, issue, one:

Robert Humphreys, died inf.

John Barker Humphreys and Lizzie Logan, issue, two:

John Barker Humphreys, Jr., m. Helen Turner

Annie D. Humphreys, m. Robert Yates.

Caroline Barker Goodlet and John Fletcher Baxter, issue, two:

Meriwether Lewis Baxter, m. Elizabeth Young. Hartford, Conn.

Fletcher Baxter, m.

Mary Douglas Meriwether and George Marsh Patch, issue, four:

Mary Elizabeth Patch, m. Harvey Bennett Richards. Ft. Myers, Fla.

A. Huntington Patch, m. Beatrice May Crumrine. Asheville, N. C.

Katherine Meriwether Patch, m. John Coleman Hafner. Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Margaret Douglas Patch, m. John Early Burks, Jr. Tarzana, Calif.

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Charles Edward Meriwether and Daisy Whitfield, issue, two:

Charles Edward Meriwether, Jr., m. Helen Elizabeth Kearney.
New Orleans, La.

William Douglas Meriwether, m. Lucy Mae Rainold. New
Orleans, La.

Cary Nelson Weisiger, Jr., and Louise Little, issue, four:

Margaret Page Weisiger, m. Harry Evans Proctor

Rev. Cary Nelson Weisiger 3rd, m. Elizabeth Whitney Forbes.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Carter Byrd Weisiger, m. Audrey Vivian. Charlottesville, Va.
Mary Randolph Weisiger.

Mary Humphreys Weisiger and Thomas William White, issue,
two:

Thomas William White, Jr.

William White.

Elizabeth West Weisiger and Hamilton Whitelaw, issue, three:

Betty Whitelaw, m. Richard Brinkerhoff

Hamilton Whitelaw, m. Elizabeth VanWyck

Landon Whitelaw.

Lucy Page Weisiger and Joseph Hays McNaugher, issue, one:

John Randolph McNaugher.

Nancy Minor Armistead and Dr. Ellis Saunders Allen, issue,
one:

Dr. Ellis Saunders Allen, Jr., b. July 14, 1908, d. July 5, 1940.
m. Frances Pettus Cozart.

Rev. West Humphreys Armistead and Lucile Belk, issue, three:

West Humphreys Armistead, Jr.

Nancy Minor Meriwether Armistead

Mary Blanton Armistead.

William Christian Armistead and Anna Rhoel, issue, two:

William Christian Armistead, Jr.

Robert Lewis Armistead.

Mary Elizabeth Patch and Harvey Bennett Richards, issue, two:

Mary Elizabeth Richards, m. George Thomason Beemer

William Douglas Richards.

Katherine Meriwether Patch and John Coleman Hafner, issue,
two:

Lt. John Huntington Hafner, m. Carol Otis

Joan Winston Hafner.



MARGARET ("PEGGY") DOUGLAS

*(Wife of Nicholas Meriwether, only child of "Parson" Douglas
and Miss Nicholas Hunter.)*

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Margaret Douglas Patch and John Early Burks, Jr., issue, one:
John Early Burks, 3rd.

Charles Edward Meriwether, Jr., and Helen Elizabeth Kearney,
issue, three:

Helen Elizabeth Meriwether, m. Marshall Frederick Orde-
mann

Margery Mae Meriwether, m. Ferdinand J. Milhas, Jr.
Virginia Meriwether.

William Douglas Meriwether and Lucy Mae Rainold, issue, two:
Daisy Meriwether

William Douglas Meriwether, 3rd.

(From the Family Records of A. Huntington Patch,
Asheville, N. C., 1951)

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RECORD OF DR. JAMES HUNTER MERIWETHER AND LUCINDA ELIZABETH McCLURE

Dr. Charles Meriwether, son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas, was married three times. His first wife, Lydia Laurie, was married to him in Scotland. They had one daughter. Both his wife and daughter died in Scotland and he returned to America. He had originally gone to Scotland to take his degree in Medicine.

His second wife was Nancy Minor, daughter of Dabney Minor of "Wood Lawn," Orange County, Virginia. By this marriage he had one son, Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether.

After the death of his young wife Dr. Charles Meriwether married Mrs. Mary Walton Daniel and by this marriage there were two sons: William Douglas Meriwether, who never married; and Dr. James Hunter Meriwether, born 1814 and died March 11, 1890. James Hunter Meriwether and his brother William Douglas Meriwether, were half-brothers of Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether. This family of Meriwethers moved to Kentucky and Tennessee in 1811. Following is the record for Dr. James Hunter Meriwether, who married Lucinda Elizabeth McClure in 1840:

Issue of Dr. James Hunter Meriwether and Lucinda Elizabeth McClure—eight children:

1. Mary Overton Meriwether, m. Robert Rowley.
2. Elizabeth Lewis Meriwether, m. Alex M. Barker.

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3. James McClure Meriwether, m. Margaret Douglas Barker.
4. Charles Nicholas Meriwether, m. Miss Tutwiler.
5. John Walton Meriwether, m. Jennie Ballard.
6. Dr. William Douglas Meriwether, m. Marian Walton Barker.
7. Hunter McKean Meriwether, m. Lucy Underwood Western.
8. Gilmer Meriwether, born March 1, 1864, died December 3, 1945. He married Hollie Berry Dorset, Dec. 5, 1895 (born May 11, 1875, died Nov. 11, 1940). Issue of Gilmer Meriwether and Hollie Berry Dorset, three children:

RECORD OF GILMER MERIWETHER
AND HOLLIE BERRY DORSET

1. Marion Dorset Meriwether, born Sept. 17, 1896. She married Richard F. Townley in 1920. They have two children: Caroline Townley and Jane Dorset Townley. Caroline Townley is married to Oskar von Mayrhauser. They have two children: Luisa Mayrhauser and Marion Mayrhauser.
2. Gilmer Meriwether, Jr., born Dec. 17, 1897. He married Dorothea G. Simpson—born Oct. 15, 1898—on June 23, 1920. They had three children: Gilmer Meriwether III, born Aug. 3, 1924, died Oct. 30, 1930; Mary Gamble Meriwether, born Jan. 22, 1928, she married Robert Emory Adamson Nov. 25, 1948; Dorothea Dorset Meriwether, born January 10, 1932, she married Hugh Ross Morris, April 14, 1951. Gilmer Meriwether and his wife live in Kansas City, Mo.
3. James Hunter Meriwether, born June 17, 1901. He married 1st, Frances DePauw Seamons in 1931. There were three children of this marriage: Florence Meriwether; James Hunter Meriwether, Jr.; and Marion Holiday Meriwether. By his second marriage to Ruth Hamren, James Hunter Meriwether has two children: Hunter Meriwether and Jane Meriwether.

RECORD OF FRANCIS THORNTON MERIWETHER
AND CATHERINE ELIZA DAVIES

- (5) Francis Thornton Meriwether (fifth son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas)—born 1768—wed June 1793—Catherine Eliza Davies. Issue: ten children (three died as

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infants). Their home, "Pebbleton," was near Lynchburg, Virginia.

Note

William Nicholas Meriwether, born Nov. 12, 1810, died Nov. 8, 1887 (son of Francis Thornton Meriwether and Catherine Eliza Davies), married Martha Louisa Manson, March 28, 1833. She was born June 18, 1812, died July 3, 1908. Four of their sons served in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. They were the parents of eight children:

1. Nat Manson Meriwether, born May 30, 1836, died Feb. 3, 1880, at "Ashburton," Pike County, Mo., at the home of his brother, William N. Meriwether, II. He is buried at St. John's Episcopal Church.

2. Francis Thornton Meriwether, born March 6, 1838, died Dec. 31, 1919. He was an eminent scholar and teacher in the schools in Louisiana, Mo. He came to Missouri as a young man, and married Lizzie J. Dawson, May 2, 1872. She was born Aug. 16, 1852, died Feb. 5, 1951. They were the parents of two sons, James Dawson Meriwether, born 1874, died 1880, and

Dr. Charles Louis Meriwether, born Nov. 30, 1877. He was married to Marie Naxera of Louisiana, Mo., May 2, 1904. They were the parents of a son, Charles Louis Meriwether, Jr., born Feb. 25, 1905. He and his mother live in Louisiana, Mo. (1951).

3. William Nicholas Meriwether, II, born May 12, 1840, died Aug. 5, 1918. He came to Pike County, Mo., as a young man. The War Between the States broke out while he was attending Virginia Military Academy, and he enlisted in the 38th Infantry, then was appointed 1st Lieutenant and served two years, then promoted to Captain in the 21st Va. Cavalry, serving until the end of the war. He fought in the famous battles of Gettysburg and Manassas. He was married 1st to Mary Elizabeth Davis in Pike County, Mo., Nov. 4, 1869. Issue, nine children:

William Nicholas Meriwether, III, b. June 1, 1871, d. June 12, 1885.

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Mary Alice Meriwether, b. Sept. 29, 1872, d. Dec. 29, 1905.

John Davis Meriwether, b. Jan. 7, 1874, d. 1947, at Eolia, Mo. He was a well-educated gentleman and was State Engineer of New Mexico, 1908-1915. The splendid road system of that state was built under his direction. He married Helena Estelle Griffith, of Socorro, New Mexico, in 1912. Issue, four children:

Elizabeth Griffith Meriwether, b. 1913, d. infancy.

Manson Cooke Meriwether, b. Sept. 22, 1914, married Frank Clemence Pickard, Jr., May 12, 1937. They have two children: Meriwether Pickard, b. July 7, 1941; and Frank Clemence Pickard, III, b. Dec. 30, 1944.

Margaret Douglas Meriwether, b. Nov. 28, 1916, married Harold Vernon Bell, Oct. 15, 1949.

Eleanor Griffith Meriwether, b. March 1, 1919, married Edwin Martin Dryden, Aug. 24, 1939. They have two children: Margaret Douglas Dryden, b. Feb. 23, 1943; and David Martin Dryden, b. June 15, 1947.

Louise Manson Meriwether, b. Dec. 8, 1875, d. Sept. 17, 1902.

Frank Edward Meriwether, b. Feb. 11, 1877. Unmarried. Lives near Eolia, Missouri.

Sallie Walker Meriwether, b. March 2, 1879, d. Nov. 1922. She married Marion Scales, Feb. 10, 1910. Issue, three children:

Mary Elizabeth Scales, b. March 15, 1911, married Leslie German, of Virginia. They have a son, Meriwether German.

Sallie Meriwether Scales, b. Jan. 25, 1913, married Edmund S. Hughes, of Virginia. They have a daughter, Sallie Schuyler Hughes.

Helen Louise Scales, b. Nov. 1916, d. April 1924.

Marybelle Meriwether, b. June 1880. She lives in Crews, Virginia (1951).

George Douglas Meriwether, d. aged three.

James Lee Meriwether, died aged one.

Note

After the death of his wife Mary E. Davis, William N. Meriwether married Kate Pollard, daughter of Dr. W. H.

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Pollard and Addie Goodman, of Eolia, Missouri, in 1889. Issue, two sons:

1. William Pollard Meriwether, born January 14, 1890. He was married to Florane Danley, September 1, 1914. Issue, four children:

Dorothy Lucile Meriwether, born September 8, 1915.

William Donald Meriwether, born December 1, 1916.

Mary Anne Meriwether, born April 5, 1921.

Ada Maurine Meriwether, born November 13, 1923.

The family now lives in Moberly, Missouri (1951).

2. Robert Garrett Meriwether, born Aug. 13, 1891, died Oct. 11, 1924. He was married to Hazel Liter (Toombs), a widow, Dec. 28, 1921. Issue, one son:

Robert Garrett Meriwether, Jr., born Aug. 14, 1922. He married Madeline B. Gerow, Aug. 9, 1941. Issue, two sons: Garrett Robert Meriwether, born Feb. 10, 1944; Raymond Richard Meriwether, born Nov. 7, 1948.

**Continuation of William Nicholas Meriwether and
Martha Louisa Manson**

4. George Douglas Meriwether, born Sept. 22, 1842, died Nov. 28, 1928, married Mattie Virginia Sale. Issue, one daughter: Louise B. Meriwether, born 1889, died Dec. 23, 1915.

5. John Lee Meriwether, born July 23, 1845. Never married.

6. Emmet Manson Meriwether (son of William Nicholas Meriwether and Martha Louisa Manson), born June 4, 1848. He came to Pike County, Missouri as a young man. He married Elizabeth Douglas Clark, May, 1871. (See Margaret Douglas Lewis record). Issue, three daughters:

1. Mary Christian Meriwether, born Sept. 22, 1872, died Aug. 12, 1941.
2. Martha Louise Meriwether, born Sept. 14, 1874. Married De Haven Batchelor. Issue, one son, Richard Meriwether, born July 18, 1900, died March 17, 1950. He married 1st Sue Womble. Issue: Richard Emmet, born May 29, 1922; James De Haven, born May 21, 1925. Richard Meriwether Batchelor married 2nd, Thelma Elizabeth Doug-

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las. No issue. Mrs. DeHaven Batchelor lives in Winter Park, Fla.

Richard Emmet Batchelor married Margaret Douglas Burke. Issue, one son, Richard DeHaven, born Nov. 2, 1948. Live in Winter Park, Fla.

James DeHaven Batchelor married Elizabeth Pinska. No issue.

3. Elizabeth Douglas Meriwether, born Aug. 1, 1882. Lives in Winter Park, Fla.

7. Sallie Manson Meriwether, born June 20, 1850, died 1931. Never married.

8. James Addison Meriwether, born Oct. 1, 1852, died Oct. 22, 1935. Married Annie Clay in 1891. No issue.

Note

James Addison Meriwether (son of Francis Thornton Meriwether and Cathernie Eliza Davies), born May 12, 1812, married Elizabeth Whiting Davis, Nov. 28, 1832. They were the parents of eight children. Their second child, Ellen Douglas Meriwether, married her first cousin, Charles J. Meriwether and they were also the parents of eight children. The third child of Ellen Douglas Meriwether and Charles J. Meriwether was a son:

William Douglas Meriwether, who married Lula Oglesby, and they were the parents of seven sons: 1. Charles J. Meriwether; 2. Randolph Meriwether; 3. Robert Meriwether; 4. Francis Meriwether; 5. Douglas Meriwether; 6. Lodewick Meriwether, who is Dr. Locke Meriwether of the Ochsner Clinic of New Orleans, La.; and 7. Otey Meriwether. Their mother, Mrs. Lula Oglesby Meriwether, lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(6) Elizabeth Meriwether—born Feb. 24, 1771—died April 17, 1855. Wed Thomas Walker Lewis—son of Col. Nicholas Lewis and Mary Walker of "Castle Hill." She was the only daughter and youngest child of Nicholas Meriwether 5th and Margaret Douglas. She was left a widow in 1807 with a family of ten children. Her husband is buried in Lewis family cemetery near Charlottesville, Virginia. She came to Missouri with the "Migration" of relatives, arriving in the spring of 1835. She is buried at "Elmwood." Her descendants are members of the Clark, Lewis, Minor, Davis, Wells, Meriwether, Carter and Block families. (See Lewis family history).

Meriwether and Lewis Biography

The following matter has been taken from "The Meriwethers" the book printed by Louisa H. A. Minor in 1892. It has been thought that her expressions are the best evidence that we have seen of a concise account of some of the early generations of both the Lewises and Meriwethers. "Aunt Lou" as she was familiarly known, also gave some forthright characterizations of and paid tribute to their abilities and capacities—and withal managed to season her account with a little of the salt that serves to add palatability to both food and families. I have added some notes on my own, but such matter is enclosed in parentheses.

The publisher of this book is a great-great nephew of Aunt Lou Minor—her sister, Mary Overton Minor, married Samuel D. Eastin—and in later years Aunt Lou joined the many members of her family in Missouri, and lived there until her death in 1922. As a child Aunt Lou told me—a willing and wide-eared listener—many of the stories that did not get into the book and talked of her family of Minors and the Lewises and the Meriwethers. It is not too late a date to pay tribute to her ability as a story-teller and as a collector of the great mass of information that is necessary for a family genealogy, and even this book—on its small scale—would not have been attempted had it not been for the herculean efforts she expended in getting "The Meriwethers" into print. Anyone who attempts to do so and accomplishes it, can only add their tribute to her splendid effort and here and now acknowledge the debt that we owe her. It is for that reason that this book is dedicated to the memory of "Aunt Lou" Minor.—(Nelson Heath Meriwether, Columbia, Missouri, 1951.)

Herewith are presented the excerpts from Chapter V:

NOTES AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

NOTE A

Nicholas Meriwether, born in Wales in 1600, married Elizabeth Woodhouse. Whether he ever came to America is doubtful, but family tradition, which has been handed down for three hundred years, says he had a large land grant in the colony of Virginia, given by Charles I of England, in payment of a money loan to the Crown, but we have proof that his three sons came at an early age to Virginia, and took posses-

sion of his landed estate. Their names were Nicholas, Francis and David Meriwether. Some of the family believe there were two others, by name, William and Thomas, but we knew nothing, beyond the name, of but the first three.

There are on record in the Virginia Land Registry Office, between the years 1652-64, patents to the extent of 5,250 acres of Land in Westmoreland County to Nicholas Meriwether. From the date, he must have been the Welsh Nicholas.

There are numerous other grants of record to Francis, Thomas, Nicholas, David, William and Nicholas Meriwether, Jr., between the last-named date (1664) and 1738, many of the latter being in New Kent County. Whether these *five* sons and grandson, Nicholas Meriwether, Jr., all came to Virginia, is doubtful, but we have record that Nicholas, Francis and David Meriwether did, and it is from this last-named Nicholas, that the Meriwether family, both south and west, trace their descent.

NOTE C

Nicholas Meriwether(1) never came to America. However, in the records he is always referred to as Generation (1). The use of numerals enclosed in parentheses indicates Generation Number.

Nicholas Meriwether(2) (the first of the family to come to America), the oldest of the three Welsh brothers, married Elizabeth Crawford, the daughter of David Crawford of "Assasquin," New Kent County, Va., which seat was inherited by his son, David Meriwether(3). Nicholas(2) was buried on the east bank of the Rivanna river, near Charlottesville, Va. He outlived nearly all of his children and died 1744, aged 97. He acquired much wealth in land and negroes in the counties up James river. He had in one tract near Charlottesville, 17,952 acres, granted by George II of England, in the year 1730. He also owned many other tracts, amounting to thousands of acres, which were given or devised to his children and grandchildren.

NOTE F

The widow of Nicholas(3) (Mildred Thornton Meriwether) m. Dr. Thomas Walker, by which marriage he became possessed of the Castle Hill estates, comprising about 11,000 acres of land in Albemarle County, Va., which was originally a part of a land grant from King George II to Nicholas(2). Subsequently the plantations of Turkey Hill, Peachaloram, Belvoir and Kinlock were cut off the estate for Dr. Walker's children and grandchildren. Dr. Thomas Walker is believed to have been the first discoverer of Kentucky, in 1750. In 1775, he was

one of the committee of safety, appointed by the convention, on the breaking out of the troubles with England. He was also repeatedly a member of the General Assembly. He left a large family of children who have married amongst the best families of Virginia, and their descendants are now scattered broadcast over the south and west, and some are *even* to be found north. (Note by publisher: For persons who might use this record for tracing lines of family, it is well to caution them that there are two women who are named Mildred Thornton Meriwether—one is the widow of Nicholas Meriwether(3), and it is to be remembered that it is his widow who married Dr. Thomas Walker. The widow's maiden name was Thornton. Nicholas Meriwether(3) and his wife Mildred Thornton had a daughter—an only child—named Mildred Thornton Meriwether. The daughter was married to John Syme. Some people have confused mother and daughter in preparing records. The daughter should be referred to as “Mildred T. Meriwether.”)

NOTE GG

One of the sons of Jane Meriwether(3) and Col. Robert Lewis, by name Nicholas Lewis(4), married Mary Walker, eldest daughter of Dr. Thomas Walker. Their descendants married and scattered both south and west.

Another son of Jane Meriwether Lewis(3) was William Lewis(4), who married Lucy Meriwether and they were the parents of Meriwether Lewis.

Mary Walker, the wife of Nicholas Lewis, was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Walker of “Castle Hill.” She was born July 24, 1742. Both her husband and self are interred in the old Lewis graveyard, on the west branch of the Rivanna river, about a mile from Charlottesville. Her home, a large plantation, called “The Farm,” extended from the town of Charlottesville to the river.

During Col. Tarleton's raid through the Carolinas and Virginia, sometime in June, 1781, he passed her home enroute to Charlottesville to capture Gov. Jefferson and the legislature then in session at that place. Col. Nicholas Lewis was an officer in the American army, and then on duty. His wife was alone at home with her small children and slaves. When Tarleton with his soldiers passed her gate, he raised his hands in admiration, and exclaimed, “What a Paradise!” Her reply was, “And why do you interrupt it?” From that time on until her death she was known among friends and neighbors as “Mrs. Paradise Lewis.” She had another *sobriquet* which was not so complimentary, “Capt. Molly,” from her strict discipline with her children, household

and family. Family tradition *whispers* that even "Col. Nick," although he could whip the British, stood in wholesome awe of Capt. Molly, his superior officer in the home guards, although he did outrank her in the regular army.

"I know not how the truth may be;
But I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

During the Revolution, when the Saratoga prisoners were sent to Charlottesville (early in 1779) for safekeeping, she nursed and cared for many of them while there, feeling for them as fellow creatures, and forgetting, for the time, they were the enemies of her country.

Family tradition says that among these prisoners was a British officer (his name has not been preserved), who had been kindly cared for in sickness by her. When convalescent and roaming over her place, he planted a sapling of the tulip tree, called in Virginia the forest poplar, on the top of a hill overlooking the Rivanna river, and requested Mrs. Lewis, if he died in Virginia, to bury him there; and he did die, and Mrs. Lewis, true to her promise, had him buried there, with the tree for a headstone. This grave was the first one in the Lewis graveyard, near Charlottesville, and the poplar sapling in my day covered with its shade a quarter of an acre of land, and under it lie resting until the "last trumpet's call," many generations of Lewis-Meriwethers.

I have in my possession an old letter, written by these Saratoga prisoners to my grandmother, while they were in Frederick, Md., where the British portion of them were sent in 1780 for greater safety. The letter is full of gratitude and thanks for her kindness to them in their captivity and need, and is signed by a number of them.

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David(3), son of Nicholas(2), known in after life as Col. David, married the daughter of George Holmes of King and Queen County, Va. He died December 25, 1744, and was buried on the east bank of the Rivanna river, near Charlottesville, Va.—the place where his father was buried. (His father died about two months previously, at the age of 97.) The plantation was afterward owned by Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis(6), his great-granddaughter. His will is recorded in Louisa County, Va., January 22, 1745. His wife, Anne Holmes, died March 11, 1736.

Nicholas(5) married Margaret Douglas. (He was a son of Thomas Meriwether(4), and Elizabeth Thornton. Elizabeth was a sister of Mildred Thornton (Meriwether). Later Mildred Thornton Meriwether married Dr. Thomas Walker.) Nicholas was a wealthy planter, and a

soldier. He owned nearly all the land between Charlottesville and Gordonsville, at the corner of Albemarle, Louisa and Orange counties; also the "Horse Shoe" plantation, on New river, in Rockingham County, which was sold for "Continental money, a broken-winded horse and a walking cane."

He lived at the old Meriwether home, "Clover Fields," in Albemarle County, where he died Dec. 19, 1772. His wife, Margaret Douglas, the only child of Rev. William Douglas, was born Sept. 22, 1737; they were married Dec. 31, 1759. She was born in Scotland, but came to Virginia very young.

Nicholas Meriwether was a man fearless and self-possessed in trying places. He was one of the colonels of the Virginia regiment attached to Braddock's army, who bore the wounded general from the field of battle after his defeat near Pittsburgh, Pa., July 9, 1755. Gen. Gilmer has told of the laced military coat sent him from Ireland by General Braddock's sister.

Of his five sons, William Douglas Meriwether, who inherited the old homestead, "Clover Fields," was the only one who lived and died in Albemarle County. Some of his great-grandchildren now own it. This place is one of the few old homes left owned by the Meriwether descendants, of the vast grants of land by Charles II and George II, kings of England. Of the other sons of Nicholas—Francis Thornton moved to Bedford County, Va., where he married; and some of his posterity are still there. Thomas, after middle life, moved to Tennessee, and left a large family there. Nicholas died in Virginia, but his children all came south and west. Dr. Charles moved to Kentucky, where his grandchildren were born and raised.

Elizabeth Meriwether, the only daughter, who married Thomas Walker Lewis, moved to Missouri to Pike and Lincoln counties, where her descendants to the *fourth* (now tenth) generation may be found. Thomas Walker Lewis, her husband, died in Virginia. She is buried in the Meriwether cemetery, "Elm Wood" in Lincoln County, Missouri. She died in 1851.

After the death of Nicholas Meriwether, his widow, Margaret Douglas Meriwether, married again, Chiles Terrell, and had one son, James Hunter Terrell. His home was a part of the Meriwether land called "Music Hall," twelve miles from Charlottesville. He married a Northern woman, Mrs. Susan Vibert. They had no children of their own, but sheltered a number of orphan nieces and nephews.

Rev. William Douglas, the father of Margaret Douglas who married Nicholas Meriwether(5), was educated in Scotland, and was a

learned man. He was ordained priest of the Established Church of England by Bishop Sherlock of London, about 1751. He had an extensive library for the day in which he lived, and which is now widely scattered, as many of the books have been eagerly sought after by lovers of old volumes and editions. One volume of his manuscript sermons is now in the Theological Library (Episcopal) in Alexandria, Va., sent there by one of his great-great-granddaughters. He was the teacher of Jefferson, Madison, Wirt and other noted southern men. His father was the author of the old song, "Annie Laurie."

He was born in the Mosses of Cree near Wigton, Penninghame parish, in the shire of Galloway, Scotland, on the 4th of August, 1708. He was married November 27, 1735, to Miss Nicholas Hunter of Scotland, a niece of John Hunter, the celebrated medical doctor of Edinburgh, a hundred years ago. She was born in 1715, and died December 31, 1781. He was married a second time to Elizabeth Burruss. (See his letters to his daughter, Margaret Meriwether, in this book.)

Mrs. Douglas and her daughter, "Peggy Douglas Meriwether" (the name generally given by her descendants), had strong Tory proclivities during the war which severed us from England, and when the husband and father was compelled to swear allegiance to the new Republic of America, they were *highly indignant* (those of us of a later generation who could hear Aunt Lou Minor *tell* the story, instead of *print it*, can assert with positiveness, if the verbal account was correct, and we have no doubt it was, the terms used by both of these strong characters, was definitely "un-churchly" and to the point of being "strong") and gave him their opinion of the act in strong terms. He had to *take it*, (reasoning with women being what it is), but no doubt thought their indignation right, as he was a Tory himself as long as he dared to be. It was with him, either the oath of the United States, or confiscation of all his worldly goods. He had charge of a church of the "Established Religion," in Goochland County, Va., but after the Revolution and the church property was confiscated in Virginia, he moved to a plantation in Louisa County, called "Ducking Hole," where he died Feb. 7, 1798. He and his wife are buried at this place. When he first came to America he was a teacher in the family of Col. Monroe of Westmoreland County, Va., the father of President Monroe, who was one of his pupils. Returning to England in 1750 (after two years in Virginia) for his ordination, he brought back his wife and daughter, and settled himself in Goochland County, Va., and took charge of the Dover church; afterward two other churches were given him: Beaver Dam and Licking Hole. In 1777, he resigned his charge and retired to

"Ducking Hole," where he died. He was a man of untiring energy and devoted to his work. In his Parish register he records 1,388 marriages, 4,069 baptisms. That he was Evangelical in his belief may be inferred from his fondness for the writings of Doddridge, Whitfield, etc.

Thomas Meriwether(6), the second son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas, married Nancy Minor, the daughter of Garritt Minor, of "Sunning Hill," of Louisa County, Virginia, and most of his children and grandchildren moved at an early day to Tennessee, where many of them today may be found in and around Clarksville, Tenn. They are people of note and did a good part in building up the prosperity of that country. Lee Meriwether of St. Louis is a descendant.

Nicholas Hunter Meriwether(6), third son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas, married Rebecca Terrell. He died in Virginia. His widow and three of his children moved west, to Pike and Lincoln counties, Missouri, in 1834, except Dr. Charles H. Meriwether, who lived and died in Albemarle County, Va., where he practiced his profession.

Douglas Meriwether, son of Nicholas Hunter Meriwether and Rebecca Terrell, married Miss Judith Bernard and this family moved to Mississippi. The second son, Charles H. Meriwether who married 1st, Miss Anne E. Anderson, and 2nd, Frances E. Thomas, remained in Virginia. Nancy Terrell Meriwether who married Nicholas Hunter Lewis; Walker G. Meriwether; and Dr. Fontaine Meriwether came with their mother, Rebecca Terrell to Pike County, Missouri in 1834. The sixth child, Margaret Meriwether married Thomas Terrell. This family settled in Kentucky and Tennessee, where many still remain.

Walker G. Meriwether commenced life as a large tobacconist in Lynchburg, Va., and later moved to Missouri where he had bought a large tract of land in Lincoln and Pike county, Missouri, and "set up his tabernacle" at "Aberdeen," where he died, and where some of his family now reside. ("Aberdeen" was sold in 1918.)

His mother, and brother, Dr. Fontaine Meriwether, set up his establishment on a large farm in Pike and Lincoln county, Missouri, known as "Spring Hill." (It is still in the Meriwether family.) Dr. Fontaine was an "original" in his way, but loved, honored, and respected by all; a self-made physician of great skill in his treatment of the diseases of this "new west," a "Sir Oracle" in his politics, which were of the Jeffersonian stamp. His descendants are scattered over Missouri, mostly in Pike and Lincoln counties. His two sons, now living in Lincoln County, are worthy specimens of the Meriwether stock. (At the time Aunt Lou Minor wrote the "Meriwether" book it was still too soon after the

death of Dr. Fontaine's widow, Adeline Miller Meriwether, to recount that Dr. Fontaine had been opposed to the idea of slavery, and even though he had a large number of negroes, he had wanted to free them, but the opposition of his wife compelled a *compromise*—she knew that he had no heart for the management of them and the large farm, and the stories handed down were that she said she would take over the management of the *farm* and the *negroes*. She had an overseer for the farm and negroes, and when trouble arose with the slaves and she had determined on punishment, she would ride up horseback to the place in the field where the negro was working, get off her horse, and take the blacksnake whip she carried and administer punishment. Again it is a loud whisper in the family that “she ruled the roost” and a couple of generations later the stories were still told of her strong-mindedness, not only with the affairs of the farm and negroes, but at home as well. They said she was strong, willing, able, “the boss,” and that she took “only her own opinion.” Dr. Fontaine attended to his practice, made trips by horseback to St. Louis to secure his needed medicines, and let her run the show. There was considerable comment from the relatives about the activities of “Aunt Adeline”—in a day when most women had slaves to do the work, and men to do the managing. That she was successful in her undertaking—however unorthodox it might have been—is attested to by the fact that she kept a large plantation on a production basis and raised a large family of children. She was a serious-minded woman who brooked no interference from any source—and it is said even disagreed with her husband's politics—but since women did not have the right to vote in that day—it is presumed that the good doctor voted the way he wanted to. She had little time or regard for many of the social activities that were the general order of the day—and it was necessary for her to tell some of the “socialites” of the family that they could “entertain” and she would “manage.” Her sons attested to the fact that she was a high-principled and strong-willed woman. One of her daughters, Louisa Rebecca Winn, “Mama Lou” to nearly all of the family, and a well-beloved woman was said by many members of the family to “take after Aunt Adeline.” To the many who knew Mama Lou Winn this can only be of the highest sort of compliment.)

Among the most prominent of the Meriwether family in the United States is that which resides in or around Clarksville, Tenn., and which is descended from Dr. Charles Meriwether, who removed to that part of the country from Virginia in 1811. Dr. Meriwether, who was the fourth son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas, was a most

courtly and polished gentleman, and of vast erudition. He was born at the old Meriwether home, "Clover Fields," in Albemarle County, Va., in 1766. His grandfather, Rev. William Douglas, was a learned man and fine scholar, and a noted instructor of youth. On his grandson he spared no pains to give him a fine, classical education. The grandson desired to fit himself for the profession of medicine, and at that early day the necessary diploma was only to be had by going across the ocean. His grandfather encouraged him to go to Scotland. In 1789 he left for Scotland, and from letters from him in Edinburgh he reports on his studies, writes affectionate letters to his mother and grandfather, and to his eldest brother writes of soil improvement in Scotland, and about reaping machinery. In a letter written in 1792, he speaks of the revolutionary wave which is sweeping over Europe and made at least one prediction that did not bear fruit, predicting "in ten years there will be no crowned heads to rule over them." In the same year he writes his mother and brother that he is persuading Lydia Laurie, a Scotch cousin, to marry him. She is the daughter of Patrick Laurie, and a niece of his grandmother, Mrs. Nicholas Hunter Douglas; he writes, that like Isaac and Jacob, of old, he has gone among his mother's people to take a wife. In 1792 he married Miss Lydia Laurie, and in the same year he writes that he has taken his degree for the practice of medicine. His graduating thesis is still preserved by his family and was considered of sufficient importance by the medical faculty in Scotland to print it in book form. His wife's kindred were anxious for him to remain in Scotland and he settled down to practice in Edinburgh. His wife and daughter died in the year 1799, and shortly thereafter he returned to Virginia and home.

After his return to Virginia he married Miss Nancy Minor and this marriage also soon unhappily ended by the death of this young wife, who, dying, left him one son, Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether.

After some years, Dr. Charles Meriwether again married, this time a widow, Mrs. Mary Walton Daniel, a woman of commanding handsomeness, intellect, and who was in every respect fitted to be the wife of such a man. They lived for a while in Halifax County, Va., and from there moved west, buying a large tract of the fertile land that lies on the border between Kentucky and Tennessee, near Clarksville. This land is still owned by his descendants, whose boast it is, that not a foot of it has ever belonged to anyone but a Meriwether. Dr. Meriwether built a handsome house and called the new home "Meriville," a name that throughout the country is synonymous with large-hearted hospitality. Here, two sons, William Douglas and James Hunter Meri-

wether, were born to him, and here, in the fullness of years and honors, he died and was buried in the cedar-shaded family burying ground he himself laid out.

Of the sons of Dr. Meriwether, the eldest, Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether, settled on a part of his father's estate, which was given him, and which he called "Woodstock." He adapted the farm to stock-raising, and he was a pioneer in that part of the country in importing pedigreed animals at prices that seemed to his neighbors fabulous. He soon turned his attention to breeding race-horses and his stud farm remains famous to this day.

Of the two remaining sons of Dr. Charles Meriwether nothing scarcely can be said that has not already been said of their father and elder half-brother. In a few words, they were "noble sons of a noble sire." William Douglas, who amassed a large fortune, never married. James Hunter Meriwether married and raised a large family, who are worthy representatives of the name and family. (Gilmer Meriwether of Kansas City, James Hunter Meriwether, and Mrs. Richard F. Townley (Marion Dorset Meriwether), are grandchildren of James Hunter Meriwether, and great-grandchildren of Dr. Charles Meriwether.)

Dr. Charles Meriwether's granddaughter, Mrs. Caroline Douglas Goodlet, is a woman of bright intellect and untiring energy, and her kind heart and willing hands connect her with many of the noble charities of the day.

A great-granddaughter of Dr. Meriwether's, Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer, has quite a reputation in literature. Her prize story, "Little Dan," and other articles in the periodicals and newspapers of the day show talent and fine educational training. One of her best stories is entitled "The Colonel's Sons." A southern newspaper says of it: "One cannot read it without having his emotional nature aroused. Old citizens, acquainted with the country at that time, will readily recognize the home of the colonel, where the scene is laid, as that charming old homestead of Mrs. Gilmer's grandfather, Col. Charles Meriwether, known as "Woodstock." (Aunt Lou Minor wrote this in 1892—and at a time when Mrs. Gilmer was a young woman, just starting out in the journalistic field. Today, America needs no introduction to her column, "Dorothy Dix"—which is her pen name, and several publications yearly review the success she has attained in solving other people's problems. A great many of her relatives like to tell the story that she is the only one of the Meriwethers who have "been paid for giving advice." She has received signal notice for her story on the Halls-Mills murder case in New Jersey—it was said to be the out-

standing story written of that event, and several hundred reporters covered the trial. The Saturday Evening Post carried an extensive story of her column several years ago. Mrs. Gilmer lives in New Orleans.)

Another great-granddaughter of Dr. Meriwether's, Mary Douglas Meriwether, married George Marsh Patch. (A. Huntington Patch of Asheville, North Carolina, Mrs. Harvey B. Richards, Mrs. John C. Hafner, and Mrs. John Early Burks, Jr., are descendants of Dr. Charles Meriwether. See record of Dr. Charles Meriwether in this book.)

A great-grandson of Dr. Meriwether's, Mr. Charles E. Meriwether, is in business in New Orleans and is a highly respected member of the family. His business enterprise is shared by his sons, and this gentleman and his sons are all residents of New Orleans. (See record in this book.)

Francis Thornton Meriwether, son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas, married Catharine Eliza Davies. He lived and died in Virginia, but three of his grandsons came to Missouri: Francis Thornton Meriwether who married Elizabeth Dawson; William N., Jr., who married Mary E. Davis and Kate Pollard; and Emmet Manson Meriwether, who married Margaret Douglas Clark. These three grandsons of Francis Thornton Meriwether all settled in Pike County, Missouri, where many of the family still live.

Elizabeth Meriwether, only daughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas, married Thomas Walker Lewis and lived on her farm near Charlottesville, Va. She was early left a widow, and when her children were grown, moved in 1835 to Pike and Lincoln counties, Missouri, with them all, but two, who remained in Virginia—Mary Walker Anderson, and her youngest son, Robert W. Lewis. They were all married, and had large families, and the move to Missouri was a great undertaking, as it had to be made in wagons. They were many weeks on the road, and those alive who remember the trip, have pleasant recollections of the time, and recall some amusing adventures on the way. Mrs. Lewis built up a new home in Lincoln County, and raised in it a second family, made up of orphan grandchildren, many of whom live to bless her memory. She is buried in sight of her Missouri home, "Elm Wood," surrounded by the graves of her children, grandchildren, and others of her kindred. She was a noble woman, of the noble Meriwether race.

Her eldest son, Nicholas H. Lewis, was one of the noblest among men. His father died when he was just entering manhood; he gave up a position he had taken to begin life for himself, went back to his

mother, and was her "right arm" in helping her to manage the large estate and raise a large family of children—all younger than himself—some even in infancy. He married a lovely woman in person and character—his cousin, Nancy Terrell Meriwether.

The eldest daughter, Margaret Douglas Lewis, married Maj. James Clark; he was a near relation of George Rogers Clark, and of the Clark of Rocky Mountain celebrity. (Miss Leeta Clark of Eolia, Mo., is a great-granddaughter of Margaret Douglas Lewis and Maj. James Clark.)

Mary Walker Lewis never left her Virginia home; she was a worthy representative of the Meriwether-Lewis family. It is somewhat remarkable that of the many descendants of the Rev. William Douglas, her grandson, Rev. Richard Warner Anderson, is the only one of the family on whom his "mantle has fallen." He is in the sixth generation. Lydia Laurie Lewis (Mrs. Samuel Overton Minor—the mother of "Aunt Lou" Minor) died before the family moved to Missouri. Many of her children came west with their father who soon died, and then the dear old grandmother sheltered them.

Mrs. Lewis' other children all came to Missouri, except the youngest son, Robert W. Lewis, who lived and died on his farm in Albemarle.

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Meriwether Lewis(6) was born at "Locust Hill," near Charlottesville, Va., in 1774. At eighteen years of age he relinquished his academic studies, and engaged in agriculture. Two years after, he acted as volunteer to suppress the whisky insurrection ("Whisky Rebellion"), from which situation he was removed to the regular service. From 1801 to 1803, he was the private secretary to President Thomas Jefferson, when he, with William Clark, went on their celebrated exploring expedition to the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Jefferson, in recommending him to this duty, gave him a high character, as possessing courage, inflexible perseverance, intimate knowledge of the Indian character, fidelity, intelligence, and all those peculiar combinations of qualities that eminently fitted him for so arduous an undertaking. They were absent three years, and were highly successful in the accomplishment of their duties. When shortly after his return, in 1806, he was appointed Governor of the Territory of Louisiana, and finding it in the heat of internal dissensions, he, by his moderation, firmness, and impartiality, brought matters into a systematic train. He died in Tennessee, in 1809, at the age of 35. The history of his expedition to the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific, which he wrote, was published from

his extensive notes, in 1814. It was at first thought by many that he committed suicide, but investigation since then decided that he was murdered by his French servant, who had stolen his horses, and money, and disappeared, and never heard more of again. His mother from the first believed he was murdered by the servant. The Legislature of Tennessee in 1848 erected a monument to the memory of Meriwether Lewis, in Lewis County, which county was named for him.

(Concerning the suicide theory, no historian has ever satisfactorily explained the appearance years later, of the effects of Meriwether Lewis, which were found in a "hock" shop in New Orleans. Historians have blithely accepted the suicide theory, and while there is no incontrovertible evidence to deny it—Lewis was, however, on his way to Washington with his papers about the expedition, and also had many reports which were to be made to the government concerning his stewardship as Governor of the Louisiana Territory. Also he was returning home to Virginia for a visit, and there was every reason against the assumption of suicide. There has been much conflicting evidence offered both for and against—the charge that he was moody has been set out by the "Jefferson" notes on Meriwether Lewis, and it is admitted that he was of an introspective nature. Still, that does not seem to be sufficient in itself to support a theory of suicide—and local gossip at the home where Lewis died gave a great measure of support to the fact that he was killed by his servant. The strongest link in the chain supporting this contention is the fact that the servant did disappear *at that time*—and that years later the *personal effects of Lewis* did turn up in New Orleans.

(The plethora of loose-mouthed historians giving vent to their theories—which they are not more able to substantiate than I am of the murder theory—and I can marshal evidence that will offset theirs at every point—and with all the conditions existing for Lewis NOT to commit suicide, since he was then in the highest favor with the government, and could hope for every advancement from a political or governmental future, gives the suicide theory another jolt. Summed up, it would seem first, that he had every expectation of further advancement and high promise, second that he was returning for a visit with his family, and next, he was to arrange for the publication of his history and voluminous notes of the Expedition—and this history was being awaited by the country, since he had not published anything previously about the expedition, except the reports to the government, and finally, that his effects turned up years later, having been disposed of by someone who had easy access to the property of Lewis. This, I reiterate, dispels the suicide theory.—Nelson Heath Meriwether, 1951).

The following letter and sketch were taken from the papers of Thomas Jefferson, ex-president of the United States, in 1813:

TO MR. PAUL ALLEN, PHILADELPHIA

MONTICELLO, April 13, 1813.

SIR,—In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter of May 25th, I have endeavored to obtain from the relations and friends of the late Governor Lewis, information of such incidents of his life as might be not unacceptable to those who may read the narrative of his western discoveries. The ordinary occurrences of a private life, and those also while acting in a subordinate sphere in the army in time of peace, are not deemed sufficiently interesting to occupy the public attention; but a general account of his parentage, with such smaller incidents as marked early character, are briefly noted, and to these are added, as being peculiarly within my own knowledge, whatever related to the public mission, of which an account is now to be published. The result of my inquiries and recollections shall now be offered, to be enlarged or abridged as you may think best, or otherwise to be used with the materials you may have collected from other sources.

MERIWETHER LEWIS

Meriwether Lewis, late Governor of Louisiana, was born on the 18th of August, 1774, near the town of Charlottesville, in the county of Albemarle, in Virginia, of one of the distinguished families of that State. John Lewis, one of his father's uncles, was a member of the King's Council before the revolution; another of them, Fielding Lewis, married a sister of General Washington. His father, William Lewis, was the youngest of five sons of Colonel Robert Lewis and Jane Meriwether of Albemarle, the fourth of whom, Charles, was one of the early patriots who stepped forward in the commencement of the revolution, and commanded one of the regiments first raised in Virginia, and placed on continental establishment. Happily situated at home with a wife and young family, and a fortune placing him at ease, he left all to aid in the liberation of his country from foreign usurpations, then first unmasking their ultimate end and aim. His good sense, integrity, bravery, enterprise and remarkable bodily powers, marked him an officer of great promise; but he unfortunately died early in the revolution. Nicholas Lewis, the second of his father's brothers, commanded a regiment of militia in the successful expedition of 1776, against the Cherokee Indians, who, seduced by the agents of the British government to take up the hatchet against us, had committed great havoc on our southern frontier, by murdering and scalping helpless women and children according to their cruel and cowardly principles of warfare. The chastisement they then received closed the history of their wars, prepared them for receiving the elements of civilization, which zealously inculcated by the present government of the United States, have rendered them an industrious and happy people. Nicholas Lewis, whose bravery was so usefully proved on this occasion, was endeared to all who knew him by his inflexible probity, courteous disposition, benevolent heart, and engaging modesty and manners. He was the umpire of all the private differences of his country, selected always by both parties. He was also the guardian of Meriwether Lewis, of whom we are now to speak, and who had lost his father at an early age. He continued some years under the fostering care of a tender

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mother, of the respectable family of Meriwethers of the same county, and was remarkable even in his infancy for enterprise, boldness and discretion. When only eight years of age, he habitually went out, in the dead of the night, along with his dogs, into the forest to hunt the raccoon and opossum, which, seeking their food in the night, can then only be taken. In this exercise no season or circumstance could obstruct his purpose, plunging through the winter's snows and frozen streams in pursuit of his object. At thirteen, he was put to the Latin school, and continued at that until eighteen, when he returned to his mother, and entered on the cares of his farm, having, as well as a younger brother, been left by his father with a competency for all the correct and comfortable purposes of temperate life. His talent for observation, which had led him to an accurate knowledge of the plants and animals of his own county, would have distinguished him as a farmer; but at the age of twenty, yielding to the ardor of youth, and a passion for more dazzling pursuits, he engaged as a volunteer in the body of which were called out by General Washington, on occasion of the discontents produced by the excise taxes in the western parts of the United States; and from that situation he was removed to the regular service as a lieutenant in the line. At twenty-three he was promoted to a captaincy; and always attracting the first attention where punctuality and fidelity were requisite, he was appointed paymaster to his regiment . . .

In 1803, the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes being about to expire, some modifications of it were recommended to Congress by a confidential message of January 18th, and an extension of its views to the Indians on the Missouri. In order to prepare the way, the message proposed the sending an exploring party to trace the Missouri to its source, to cross the highlands and follow the best water communication which offered itself from thence to the Pacific Ocean. Congress approved the proposition, and voted a sum of money for carrying it into execution. Captain Lewis, who had then been near two years with me as private secretary, immediately renewed his solicitations to have the direction of the party. I had now had opportunities of knowing him intimately. Of courage undaunted, possessing a firmness and perseverance of purpose which nothing but impossibilities could divert from its direction, careful as a father of those committed to his charge, yet steady in the maintenance of order and discipline, intimate with the Indian character, customs and principles. Habituated to the hunting life, guarded by exact observation of the vegetables and animals of his own country, against losing time in the description of objects already possessed, honest, disinterested, liberal, of sound understanding, and a fidelity to truth so scrupulous that whatever he should report would be as certain as if seen by ourselves, with all these qualifications as if selected and implanted by nature in one body, for this express purpose, I could have no hesitation in confiding the enterprise to him. To fill up the measure desired, he wanted nothing but a greater familiarity with the technical language of the natural sciences, and readiness in the astronomical observations necessary for the geography of his route. To acquire these he repaired immediately to Philadelphia, and placed himself under the tutorage of the distinguished professors of that place, who, with a zeal and emulation, enkindled by an ardent devotion to science, communicated to him freely the information requisite for the purposes of the journey. While attending to at Lancaster, the fabrication of the arms with which he chose that his men should be provided, he had the benefit of daily com-

munication with Mr. Andrew Ellicott, whose experience in astronomical observation and practice of it in the woods, enabled him to apprise Captain Lewis of the wants and difficulties he would encounter, and of the substitutes and resources offered by a woodland and uninhabited country. Deeming it necessary he should have some person with him of known competence to the direction of the enterprise, and to whom he might confide it, in the event of accident to himself, he proposed William Clark, brother of General George Rogers Clark, who was approved, and with that view received a commission of captain.

In April, 1803, a draught of his instructions was sent to Captain Lewis, and on the 20th day of June they were signed in the following form:

“To Meriwether Lewis, Esquire, Captain of the 1st regiment of infantry of the United States of America:

“Your situation as Secretary of the President of the United States has made you acquainted with the objects of my confidential message of January 18th, 1803, to the legislature; you have seen the act they passed, which, though expressed in general terms, was meant to sanction those objects, and you are appointed to carry them into execution. . . .

“The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri river, and such principal streams of it, as, by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado, or any other river, may offer the most direct and practicable water communication across the continent for the purposes of commerce.

“Beginning at the mouth of the Missouri, you will take observations of latitude and longitude at all remarkable points on the river, and especially at the mouths of rivers, at rapids, at islands, and other places and objects distinguished by such natural marks and characters of a durable kind as that they may with certainty be recognized hereafter. The courses of the river between these points of observation may be supplied by the compass, the logline and by time, corrected by the observations themselves. The variations of the compass, too, in different places, should be noticed.

“The interesting points of the portage between the heads of the Missouri, and of the water offering the best communication with the Pacific ocean, should also be fixed by observation, and the course of that water to the ocean, in the same manner as that of the Missouri.

“Your observations are to be taken with great pains and accuracy, to be entered distinctly and intelligibly for others as well as yourself, to comprehend all the elements necessary, with the aid of the usual tables, to fix the latitude and longitude of the places of which they were taken, and are to be rendered to the War Office, for the purpose of having the calculations made concurrently by proper persons within the United States. Several copies of these as well as of your other notes should be made at leisure times, and put into the care of the most trustworthy of your attendants, to guard, by multiplying them, against the accidental losses to which they will be exposed. A further guard would be that one of these copies be on the paper of the birch, as less liable to injury from damp than common paper. . . .

“Other objects worthy of notice will be, the soil and face of the country, its growth and vegetable productions, especially those not of the United

States, the animals of the country generally, and especially those not known in the United States; the remains and accounts of any which may be deemed rare or extinct; the mineral productions of every kind, but particularly metals, limestone, pit-coal and salt-petre; salines and mineral waters, noting the temperature of the last, and such circumstances as may indicate their character; volcanic appearances; climate, as characterized by the thermometer, by the proportion of rainy, cloudy, and clear days, by lightning, hail, snow, ice, by the access and recess of frost, by the winds prevailing at different seasons, the dates at which particular plants put forth or lose their flower or leaf, times of appearance of particular birds, reptiles or insects, . . .

“As it is impossible for us to foresee in what manner you will be received by those people, whether with hospitality or hostility, so is it impossible to prescribe the exact degree of perseverance with which you are to pursue your journey. We value too much the lives of citizens to offer them to probable destruction. Your numbers will be sufficient to secure you against the unauthorized opposition of individuals or of small parties; but if a superior force, authorized or not authorized by a nation, should be arrayed against your further passage, and inflexibly determined to arrest it, you must decline its farther pursuit, and return. In the loss of yourselves, we should lose also the information you will have acquired. By returning safely with that, you may enable us to renew the essay with better calculated means. To your own discretion, therefore, must be left the degree of danger you may risk, and the point at which you should decline, only saying we wish you to err on the side of your safety, and to bring us back your party safe, even if it be with less information.

“Should you reach the Pacific ocean, inform yourself of the circumstances which may decide whether the furs of those parts may not be collected as advantageously at the head of the Missouri (convenient as is supposed to the waters of the Colorado and Oregon or Columbia), as at Nootka Sound, or any other point of that coast; and that trade be consequently conducted through the Missouri and the United States more beneficially than by the circumnavigation now practised.

“As far up the Missouri as the white settlements extend, an intercourse will probably be found to exist between them and the Spanish posts of St. Louis opposite Cahokia, or St. Genevieve opposite Kaskaskia. From still further up the river, the traders may furnish a conveyance for letters. Beyond that, you may perhaps be able to engage Indians to bring letters for the government to Cahokia or Kaskaskia, on promising that they shall there receive such special compensation as you shall have stipulated with them. Avail yourself of these means to communicate to us, at seasonable intervals, a copy of your journal, notes, and observations, of every kind, putting into cypher whatever might do injury if betrayed.

“On your arrival on that coast, endeavor to learn if there be any post within your reach frequented by the sea vessels of any nation, and to send two of your trusty people back by sea, in such a way as shall appear practicable, with a copy of your notes; and should you be of opinion that the return of your party by the way they went will be imminently dangerous, then ship the whole, and return by sea, by the way either of Cape Horn or the Cape of Good Hope, as you shall be able. As you will be without money, clothes or provisions, you must endeavor to use the credit of the United States to obtain

them, for which purpose open letters of credit shall be furnished you, authorizing you to draw on the executive of the United States, or any of its officers, in any part of the world, on which drafts can be disposed of, and to apply with our recommendations to the consuls, agents, merchants, or citizens of any nation with which we have intercourse, assuring them in our name, that any aids they may furnish you, shall be honorably repaid, and on demand. Our consuls, Thomas Hewes at Batavia in Java, William Buchanan in the Isles of France and Bourbon, and John Elmslie at the Cape of Good Hope, will be able to supply your necessities by drafts on us.

“Should you find it safe to return by the way you go after sending two of your party round by sea, or with your whole party, if no conveyance by sea can be found, do so; making such observations on your return, as may serve to supply, correct, or confirm those made on your outward journey.

“On re-entering the United States and reaching a place of safety, discharge any of your attendants who may desire and deserve it, procuring for them immediate payment of all arrears of pay and clothing which may have incurred since their departure, and assure them that they shall be recommended to the liberality of the legislature for the grant of a soldier’s portion of land each, as proposed in my message to Congress; and repair yourself with your papers to the seat of government.

“To provide in the accident of your death, against anarchy, dispersion and consequent danger of your party, and total failure of the enterprise, you are hereby authorized, by any instrument signed and written in your own hand, to name the person among them who shall succeed to the command on your decease, and by like instruments to change the nomination from time to time as further experience of the characters accompanying you shall point out superior fitness; and all the powers and authorities given to yourself are, in the event of your death, transferred to, and vested in the successor so named, with further power to him, and his successors in like manner, to name each his successor, who, on the death of his predecessor, shall be invested with all the powers and authorities given to yourself.

“Given under my hand at the city of Washington, this 20th day of June, 1803.

“THOMAS JEFFERSON, President of the U. States of America.”

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While these things were going on here, the country of Louisiana, lately ceded by Spain to France, had been the subject of negotiation between us and this last power; and had actually been transferred to us by treaties executed at Paris on the 30th of April. This information, received about the 1st day of July, increased infinitely the interest we felt in the expedition, and lessened the apprehensions of interruption from other powers. Everything in this quarter being now prepared, Captain Lewis left Washington on the 5th of July, 1803, and proceeded to Pittsburg, where other articles had been ordered for him. The men, too, were to be selected from the military stations on the Ohio. Delays of preparation, difficulties of navigation down the Ohio, and other untoward obstructions, retarded his arrival at Cahokia until the season was so far advanced as to render it prudent to suspend his entering the Missouri before the ice should break up in the succeeding spring. From this time his journal, now published, will give the history of his journey to and from the

Pacific ocean, until his return to St. Louis on the 23rd of September, 1806. Never did a similar event excite more joy through the United States.

The humblest of its citizens had taken a lively interest in the issue of this journey, and looked forward with impatience for the information it would furnish. Their anxieties, too, for the safety of the corps had been kept in a state of excitement by lugubrious rumors, circulated from time to time on uncertain authorities, and uncontradicted by letters or other direct information from the time they had left the Mandan towns on their ascent up the river in April of the preceding year, 1805, until actual return to St. Louis.

It was the middle of Feb., 1807, before Captain Lewis with his companion Clark reached the city of Washington, where Congress was then in session. That body granted to the two chiefs and their followers, the donation of lands which they had been encouraged to expect in reward of their toils and dangers. Captain Lewis was soon after appointed Governor of Louisiana, and Captain Clark a general of its militia, and agent of the United States for Indian affairs in that department.

A considerable time intervened before the Governor's arrival in St. Louis. He found the territory distracted by feuds and contentions among the officers of the government, and the people themselves divided by these into factions and parties. He determined at once to take no sides with either, but to use every endeavor to conciliate and harmonize them. The even-handed justice he administered to all soon established a respect for his person and authority, and perseverance and time wore down animosities, and reunited the citizens again into one family.

Governor Lewis had from early life been subject to hypochondriac affections. It was a constitutional disposition in all the nearer branches of the family of his name, and was more immediately inherited by him from his father. They had not, however, been so strong as to give uneasiness to his family. While he lived with me in Washington, I observed at times sensible depressions of mind, but knowing their constitutional source, I estimated their course by what I had seen in the family. During the western expedition, the constant exertion which that required of all the faculties of body and mind, suspended these distressing affections; but after his establishment at St. Louis in sedentary occupations, they returned upon him with redoubled vigor, and began seriously to alarm his friends. He was in a paroxysm of one of these when his affairs rendered it necessary for him to go to Washington. He proceeded to the Chickasaw bluffs, where he arrived on the 15th of September, 1809, with a view of continuing his journey thence by water. Mr. Neely, agent of the United States with the Chickasaw Indians, arriving there two days later, found him extremely indisposed, and betraying at times some symptoms of a derangement of mind. The rumors of a war with England, and apprehensions that he might lose the papers he was bringing on, among which were the vouchers of his public accounts, and the journals and papers of his western expedition, induced him here to change his mind, and take his course by land through the Chickasaw country. Although he appeared somewhat relieved Mr. Neely kindly determined to accompany and watch over him. Unfortunately, at their encampment, after having passed the Tennessee one day's journey, they lost two horses, which obliged Mr. Neely to halt for their

recovery, the Governor proceeded, promising to wait at the house of the first white inhabitant on his road. He stopped at the house of a Mr. Grinder, who, not being at home, his wife, alarmed at the symptoms of derangement she discovered, gave him up the house, and retired to rest herself in an out-house; the Governor's and Neely's servants lodging in another. About 3 o'clock in the night he did the deed which plunged his friends into affliction, and deprived his country of one of her most valued citizens, whose valor and intelligence would have been now employed in avenging the wrongs of his country, and in emulating by land the splendid deeds which have honored her arms on the ocean. It lost, too, to the nation the benefit of receiving from his own hand the narrative now offered them of his sufferings and successes in endeavoring to extend for them the boundaries of science, and to present to their knowledge that vast and fertile country which their sons are destined to fill with arts, with science, with freedom and happiness.

To this melancholy close of life of one whom posterity will declare not to have lived in vain, I have only to add that all the facts I have stated, are either known to myself, or communicated by his family or others, for whose truth I have no hesitation to make myself responsible. (This biographical account of Lewis was used as a preface to the "History of the Expedition of Lewis and Clark," published 1814.)

Davis Family Record

Alice Thornton Lewis—born 1804—Albemarle County, Virginia, died 1877—"Ashburton," Pike County, Missouri. Wed 1st—1824—her cousin George Douglas Meriwether. The lace wedding veil she wore at this marriage is still in perfect condition and being used by her great-great-granddaughters. Her husband and infant son both died 1825.

Wed 2nd—1831—in Charlottesville, Virginia—John Winn Davis, born 1798—Hanover County, Virginia, died 1862—"Ashburton," Pike County, Missouri.

He was the son of Hardin Davis of Virginia—and Miss Winn, daughter of John Winn of Virginia. His first wife was Miss Wayles, a relative of Mrs. Thomas Jefferson, whose name was Martha Wayles. John W. Davis had five brothers—Edwin, Clement, Thomas, James, and William A. Clement Davis and family settled in Kentucky. William A. married Miss Hopkins and settled at St. Joseph, Missouri. In the late 1860's William A. invented the U. S. Railway Postal Car system that is still being used on trains today. His picture hangs in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City. In the fall of 1834, John W. Davis, his wife Alice T. Lewis, and oldest child, John W., Jr., left Virginia with many other relatives to make their home in Missouri. They spent the winter months in Kentucky with his brother, Clement Davis, and came on to Missouri in the spring of 1835. They bought land from Walker Gilmer Meriwether, whose wife (Jane Lewis) was a sister of Alice Lewis Davis. These two sisters lived the rest of their lives only one mile apart. John W. Davis had one sister, Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Johns. They had one daughter, Amanda Johns.

Walker G. Meriwether named his home "Aberdeen." His great-grandfather, Rev. William Douglas, an Episcopal minister, was born near Aberdeen, Scotland. John W. Davis named his home "Ashburton"—a district in England where the Davis family lived. The first homes were of log, better houses were built later. The brick part of "Aberdeen" was built in 1838—the big brick house at "Ashburton" was built in 1840, and is copied from the Davis home in Hanover County, Virginia, both being copied from the old home in England. Among the noted people entertained at "Ashburton" were Bishop Jackson Kemper, the first Missionary Bishop of the Episcopal church

in the Middlewest; Bishop Hawks, Bishop Robinson and Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle.

When John Winn Davis burned the brick to build his home, he had enough burned to build St. John's Episcopal Church at Prairieville, Eolia, Missouri. He gave ^{100,000 brick} \$100,000 bricks—\$1,000 in money and the land this Church stands on. It was built in 1855 and finished on the inside in 1856 and is the oldest Episcopal Church building west of the Mississippi River.

Grandma Davis was the only one of her sisters or brothers that ever returned to Virginia. She and her only daughter, Mary Davis (later Mrs. W. N. Meriwether), went back for a visit in 1868 and she found many changes in the thirty-four years she had been away. The Civil War had been over only two years and Virginia had suffered greatly when the Northern armies passed through the state, taking horses, cattle and food of all kind. Many homes were completely destroyed; happiness and wealth had "Gone with the Wind." Also gone forever was many a brave soldier wearing the gray uniform of the proud Southern Army. Robert Lewis, the youngest brother of this Lewis family met them at the train in Charlottesville in the best conveyance he owned, which was an old mule hitched to a small Spring Wagon. Old family letters show that the sisters and brothers in Missouri sent help to their sister and brother (Mrs. Mary Lewis Leitch Anderson and Robert W. Lewis) during these hard years in Virginia following the Civil War.

John Winn Davis and wife, Alice T. Lewis, are both buried at St. John's Church Cemetery.

RECORD OF JOHN WINN DAVIS AND ALICE THORNTON LEWIS

John Winn Davis and wife, Alice T. Lewis, issue seven children:

1. John Winn Davis—wed Mecca Prewitt of Clarksville, Mo. Issue:
John W. Davis, 3rd
Dr. Robert Davis
2. Thomas Hunter Davis—wed 1st cousin Emma Lewis of St. Joseph, Mo. Issue, four children:
Meriwether Lewis Davis, who married Miss Nichols and they have one son, Thomas Davis.
Gilmer Davis, married and lives in St. Joseph, Mo.
Thomas H. Davis, Jr.
Lewis Davis.



JOHN WINN DAVIS



ALICE THORNTON LEWIS

(Mrs. John Winn Davis. She was a granddaughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)



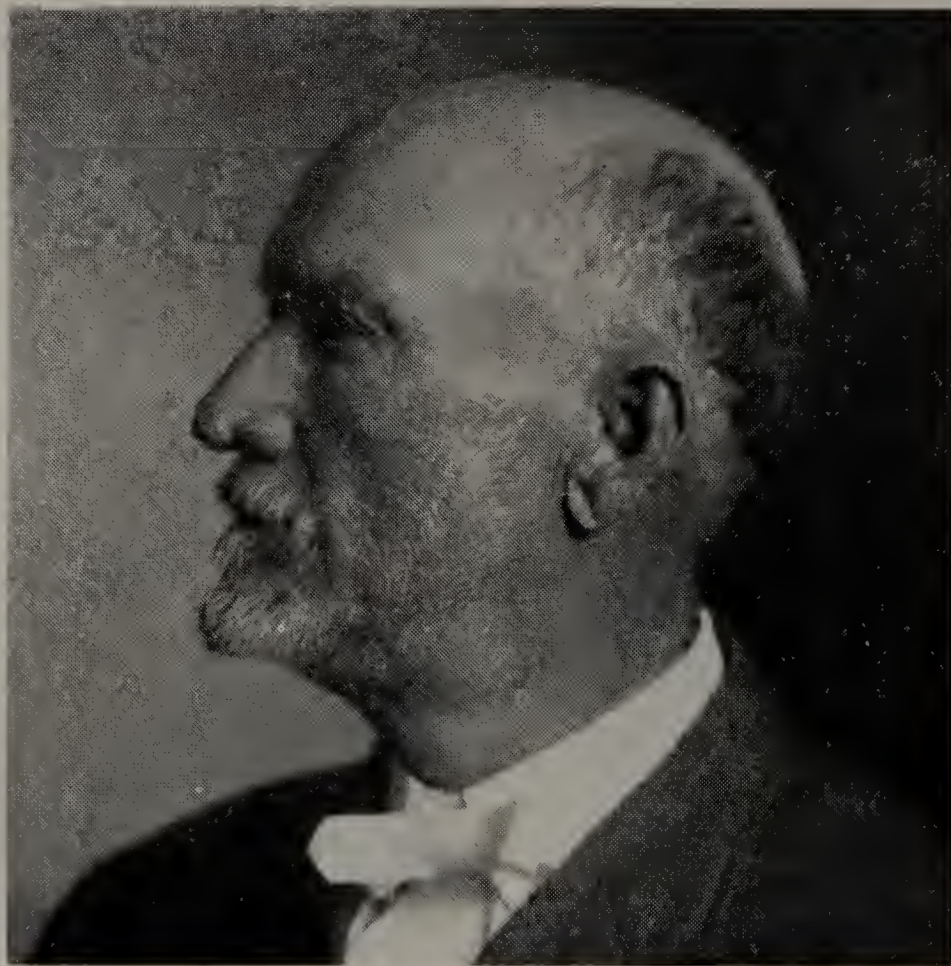
ADELINE FONTAINE LEWIS

(Mrs. Edwin Davis, daughter of William J. Lewis and Nannie L. Meriwether, and granddaughter of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Adeline Miller.)



EDWIN DAVIS

(Son of John Winn Davis and Alice Thornton Lewis.)



DR. JAMES D. DAVIS
(Son of John Winn Davis and Alice Thornton Lewis.)



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PRAIRIEVILLE
EOLIA, MISSOURI

3. Joseph Walker Davis, born Nov. 26, 1837, died Dec. 9, 1925. Married Virginia Nelson Roberts. Issue, two children:

1. Joseph Winn Davis, born May 20, 1864, died Dec. 28, 1899. Married Ada Bell Brown, Dec. 23, 1886. Issue, five children:

1. Sadie Bell Davis, born Jan. 15, 1888. Married Chat Ross, Aug. 20, 1905. Issue, two sons: 1. Winn Davis Ross, born June 8, 1906, married Margie Kesterke, April 26, 1927, and they had one son, James Edward Ross, born Dec. 26, 1930. Winn Davis Ross married 2nd, Georgia Warren, March 21, 1945, and they have a daughter, Georgia Ann Ross, born April 2, 1946; 2. John D. Ross, born Jan. 29, 1908, died July 26, 1949. He was married to Helen Reed, Jan. 24, 1928, and they have one son, Norman Dale Ross, born March 10, 1930. John D. Ross served in the U. S. Army in Europe and was with the 1st Army when it landed in Normandy in 1944.

2. Charles Irwin Davis, born May 3, 1890. Married Gussie Lilliam Barton, Nov. 28, 1915. Issue, four daughters: Mary Alene, died infancy; Charlene Davis; Bettye Davis, and Dorothy Davis.

3. Winnie Davis, born April 15, 1893, died Jan 17, 1945. Married Joe Watts. No issue to live.

4. Walker Davis, born Feb. 20, 1896. Married Lottie Malone, Dec. 24, 1915. Issue, one son, Walker Davis, Jr., who is married and has two sons, Michael Davis and Robert Davis.

5. Nellie Davis, born Oct. 17, 1898. Married B. S. Heady, Oct. 17, 1917. No issue.

2. Mary Elizabeth Davis, born Aug. 1, 1867, died Jan. 12, 1941. Married Joseph W. Brown, Dec. 23, 1886. (Note: A brother and sister Davis, married a brother and sister Brown, in a double ceremony.) Issue, ten children, one of whom died in infancy:

1. Harry B. Brown, born Oct. 11, 1887, died July 7, 1899.

2. Nora Elizabeth Brown, born Sept. 5, 1889, died June 9, 1920. Married Frank E. Gibson. They had six children: 1. Frank Brown Gibson, born April 28, 1908, and he married Eliza Tucker, and they have three children, Sue Eloise Gibson, who married Bertram Griffith; Wanda May Gibson, who married Forrest Edmonds, and they have one child, Jennifer Sue Edmonds; and Arlene Eugene Gibson; 2. Mildred Louise Gibson, born Oct. 11, 1909, married Tom Barrow, and they have five children: Laura Madeline, Leroy, Nora Elizabeth, Sallie, and

Mickey Barrow; 3. Virginia May Gibson, born March 11, 1911, married James Pizio, no issue; 4. Victor Dudley Gibson, born Dec. 3, 1913, married Anne Lee Guinn, and they have three children: Janet Rae, Virginia, and Danny Gibson; 5. Howard N. Gibson, born Aug. 9, 1915, is married and has two children: Christy, and Jackie Gibson; and 6. Elsie Gooch Gibson, born Nov. 11, 1917, married John Wills, no issue.

3. Virginia Lee Brown, born July 12, 1892, married Arthur B. Cooper, June 6, 1909. Issue, two sons: 1. Vernon Brown Cooper, born May 2, 1910, and married Jeannette Irene Pridham, no issue; 2. Harry Lynn Cooper, born May 18, 1914, married Jennie Hanson, issue, two daughters: Janet Irene Cooper, and Kathleen Lynn Cooper.

4. Homer Davis Brown, born Nov. 16, 1894, married Marguerite Mitchell, issue, two daughters: 1. Helen Louise Brown, born June 18, 1915, married Ralph Finley Gladney, no issue; 2. Margaret Elizabeth Brown, born Nov. 13, 1917, married Arnold T. Evans, and they have three children: Gary Wayne Evans, Darryl Davis Evans, and Penny Sue Evans.

5. James Ray Brown, born July 23, 1896, married Mary Reid. They have three children: James Ray, Jr., Barbara Ann, and Marylin Brown.

6. Julia Coalter Brown, born Aug. 4, 1899, married Caswell Prewitt. No issue.

7. Stella Winn Brown, born March 2, 1902, married Samuel Benton Bailey. They have four children: Samuel Joseph, died young; Samuella Sue, born May 18, 1926; William Benton Bailey, born July 15, 1934; and Julia Lee Winn Bailey, born May 14, 1943.

8. Frank Currie Brown, born Feb. 25, 1905, married Nelle Roughton, and they had one son, who died in infancy.

9. Forrest Lowry Brown, born May 15, 1909, married Mabel Sands. They have one son: Craig Brown, born July 18, 1946.

4. Dr. James D. Davis—wed Julia Bates Coalter. Issue:

John Coalter Davis—never married

Dr. William J. Davis—died 1945—never married

5. William Davis—died while in Confederate Army during Civil War.

6. Mary Elizabeth Davis—wed William N. Meriwether of Pike County, Mo.

She was the only daughter in the Davis family and inherited

"Ashburton" from her parents and lived there until her death in 1883 at the age of 36 years. She was the mother of nine children and after her death, the children were taken to Virginia and lived with their grandmother Meriwether for the next 8 years at the old Meriwether home "Pebbleton" near Lynchburg, Virginia. The family returned to Missouri in 1901. See Meriwether Record for complete data.

7. Edwin Davis—youngest child of John Winn Davis and Alice T. Lewis, born at "Ashburton," July 1848, died 1885. Wed his 2nd cousin, Adeline Fontaine Lewis, daughter of William J. Lewis and Nannie L. Meriwether (daughter of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether and Adeline Miller), November 1874. She was born Feb. 1856, died Sept. 1933. Issue, four children:

1. Lutie Winn Davis, born Dec. 24, 1875, died Feb. 1910. Married Joseph Smith, Dec. 24, 1896. Issue, eight children:

1. Edwin Davis Smith, born Nov. 10, 1897, married Leona Odle, Jan. 9, 1926. Issue, one son, Richard Felton Smith.

2. Mary Elizabeth Smith, born March 29, 1899, married Frank Householder, June 5, 1921. Issue, two children: 1. Lieut. J. G. (Joe) Householder, born Aug. 15, 1924. On May 15, 1951, he was married to Fay Hansen; 2. Dorothy Householder, born Dec. 18, 1925, married Wilbert William Wilks, Oct. 29, 1950.

3. Everett Thornton Smith, born Oct. 21, 1900, married Mittie Marie Caudell, issue, two children: 1. Lettie Lou Smith, born May 15, 1927, married Capt. Robert Bonnell Russell, Oct. 16, 1948, and they have one child, Susan Joe Russell, born May 4, 1951; 2. Joe Ann Smith, born Feb. 23, 1933, married James Pruitt Miller, March 31, 1951.

4. Adeline Lewis Smith, born Feb. 27, 1904, married Elmer Seidenschwarz, Nov. 25, 1926. They have one son, Elmer Frederick Seidenschwarz, Jr.

5. Richard Horace Smith, born April 21, 1905, married Lilly May Moore, Nov. 12, 1930. No issue.

6. Louise Manson Smith, born Dec. 6, 1906, married Andrew Gunnell. Issue, four children: 1. Peggye Lucille Gunnell, born Sept. 27, 1927; 2. Winnie Sue Gunnell, born Dec. 11, 1928, married John Lewis Berryman, May 1, 1949, and they have one son, Stephen Lewis Berryman; 3. Andrew Gunnell, Jr., born March 5, 1941; and 4. Mary Kay Gunnell, born Jan. 1, 1944.

7. Winefred Martha Smith, born June 19, 1908, married Grady Johnson. They have two daughters: Nancy Marilyn Johnson, and Janett Elaine Johnson.
8. Lutie Katherine Smith, born Dec. 21, 1909, married Vernon Stevens, June 1928. Issue, three children: Ellen Ann and Helen Louise Stevens, twins; and Davis Glen Stevens.
2. Nicholas Lewis Davis, born May 10, 1879, married Georgia Norvell, 1910. No issue.
3. James David Davis, born Sept. 10, 1881, died Aug. 26, 1951, married Lottie Stewart Wright, Jan. 16, 1907. Issue, three children:
 1. Louise Hamilton Davis, born July 30, 1909, married Paul M. Eversmeyer, Oct. 6, 1934. Issue, one daughter, Charlotte Louise Eversmeyer, born Jan. 2, 1936.
 2. Roxanna Wright Davis, born Sept. 25, 1912, married William Kalcer Prickett, Sept. 18, 1937. Issue, one daughter, Charlene Prickett, born April 9, 1948.
 3. Marybelle Davis, born Aug. 15, 1915, married William F. Simora, Aug. 15, 1948.
4. Alice Thornton Davis, born Dec. 25, 1883, married Grover Henry, Oct. 10, 1906. She died Aug. 3, 1923. Issue, four children:
 1. Mary Alice Henry, married Melvin Mackey. Issue, three children: 1. William Melvin, born Aug. 28, 1928; 2. Alice Louise Mackey, born Aug. 30, 1933; and 3. John Thomas Mackey, born Oct. 7, 1939.
 2. Gladys Henry, born 1911, died 1929.
 3. Adeline Virginia Henry, born Dec. 1915, married Ben Meloan, 1934. Issue, two children: 1. Henry Lewis Meloan, born Oct. 30, 1934; and 2. Frederick Davis Meloan, born May 13, 1937.
 4. James Nicholas Henry, born Aug. 2, 1923, died 1925.

After the death of Edwin Davis, his widow Adeline Fontaine Lewis Davis married George B. Akers. Issue, Edwin D. Akers, born July 27, 1892. Edwin D. Akers married Ora May Canter, Oct. 26, 1913. Issue, three children: 1. James D. Akers (adopted), born May 11, 1924; 2. Edwin D. Akers, Jr., born April 24, 1933; and 3. Mary Louise Akers, born Aug. 24, 1934.

Minor Family Record

The Minor family first appears in Middlesex county, Virginia, when a Dutch sea captain, **Maindort Doodes**, settled there in 1640. He had, a short time previously, married Mary Johnson, and we have record of two children: **Doodes Minor**, son; and **Mary Minor**. Apparently at this point "Minor" as a surname was decided on as being the best translation of Maindort Doodes. One can easily imagine that "Maindort," pronounced with a Dutch accent, sounded on the ear as "Main-ort" and by quick, easy stages became "Minor."

In her diary, Louisa H. A. Minor strongly suggests that at least **one** member of the Minor family ought to resume the use of the original name of Doodes. Aunt Lou Minor regarded "Maindort" as being the equivalent of "Junior," and said the original family name was Doodes. There has been at least one other explanation of "Maindort Doodes" which explains "Maindort" as being the proper family name and that "Doodes" was the maiden name of the mother of the sea captain, and that the Dutch joined the surnames of their wives to the children's names, and, like the Spanish, kept alive from generation to generation, the surnames of the mothers' families, while always retaining the "Maindort" as the fathers' family name. I have been unable to prove this point, but it has been suggested that I present this as a valid point in making the original decision in favor of Minor instead of Doodes. I am inclined to agree with Louisa H. A. Minor that Maindort Doodes and his wife decided that Minor was the best choice for the family name, and as a parting salute to the old name, they gave their first-born the name of Doodes Minor, and as far as the family was concerned, settled the issue as to the name. It is worth noting that no member of the family has since used the name "Doodes" in any fashion. The pronunciation was "Dood'-es."

The Minor family were among the first families of Virginia and were related to the Garritts, Dabneys, Lewises, Carrs, and Meriwethers, among others. They have a long and prominent record of service to their country in the American Revolution and were termed "rebels" twice—once when they were fighting against

England—and the next time for fighting for the “Stars and Bars.” —(NHM, 1951.)

There are a number of books giving fairly complete records for the Minor family. Among them are “The Gilmers,” by Speed; “Some Prominent Virginia Families,” Vol. II; “Lewises, Meriwethers and Their Kin,” by Sarah Travers Lewis Anderson; and, of course, “The Meriwethers and Their Connections,” by Louisa H. A. Minor. The Meriwether and Minor families are indebted to A. Huntington Patch, Asheville, North Carolina, for the tabulation of all the early records of the Minor family. Without his painstaking work the early record would not have been attempted. Here follows the record:

Generation No. 1

1. **Maindort Doodes**, the first known of the family, born 1617, died 1677. He was a Dutch sea captain who came to Middlesex county, Va., 1640. He married, about 1639, Mary Johnson, a daughter of Garritt Johnson. She died Jan. 9, 1687. They had two children:

Generation No. 2

1. **Doodes Minor**, born 1640; died 1695. He married Elizabeth Cocke, daughter of Maurice Cocke. They had six children. (See record.)
2. Mary Minor, born 1642. She married Peter Montague, son of Peter Montague, the immigrant.

Issue of **Doodes Minor** and Elizabeth Cocke, six children: (Take a good look at the name Doodes—it's the last time you'll see it in this record.)

Generation No. 3

1. Minor Minor, born 1670, died Dec. 3, 1716; married Elizabeth Norman, Aug. 8, 1710.
2. William Minor.
3. **Garritt Minor**, born April 13, 1679, died Feb. 20, 1720; married Diana Vivian, daughter of John Vivian and Margaret Smith. They had two children: **John Minor** and Diana Minor. Diana married John Goodloe.
4. John Minor, died infancy.

Generation No. 3—(cont'd)

5. Peter Minor, died infancy.
6. Elizabeth Minor, married Tobias Mickelbrough.

Issue of **John Minor**, born June 29, 1707, died 1755 (son of Garritt Minor) and Sarah Carr (daughter of Maj. Thomas Carr and Mary Dabney), eleven children:

Generation No. 4

1. Major John Minor, Jr., married Elizabeth Cosby.
2. William Minor, born 1738, died 1759. No issue.
3. Thomas Minor, born Aug. 5, 1740; married Mary Dabney. They had five children. See record below.
4. Mary (Nancy) Minor, born March 7, 1742, died 1818; married Joseph Herndon, Aug. 15, 1765. They had nine children. See record below.
5. **Col. Garritt Minor**, of "Sunning Hill," Spotsylvania county, Va., born March 4, 1744, died June 25, 1799; married Mary Overton Terrell in 1767. She was a daughter of Richmond Terrell and Nancy Overton. Col. Garritt Minor and his wife had eleven children. (See detailed family record below.)
6. James Minor, born Feb. 18, 1745, died June 6, 1791; married Mary Carr, June 29, 1773. She was a daughter of John Carr and Barbara Overton. They had eight children. See record below.
7. Diana Minor, died infancy.
8. Dabney Minor, born June 11, 1749, died Nov. 7, 1799. He lived at "Woodlawn" in Orange county, Va. He married Ann Anderson, daughter of David Anderson and Elizabeth Mills. They had five children. See record below.
9. Vivian Minor, married Elizabeth Dick. They had six children.
10. Elizabeth Minor, born Aug. 3, 1752, died 1787; married James Lewis of "Laurel Hill."
11. Peter Minor, born Aug. 16, 1754, died 1793; married Jones. No issue.

Issue of Thomas Minor and Mary Dabney, five children: Thomas Minor, who married Dorothea Johnson; Sallie Minor, who married Woolfolk; William Minor, unmarried; Nancy Minor, who married Joseph Waller; and John Minor, unmarried.

Issue of Mary (Nancy) Minor and Joseph Herndon, nine chil-

Generation No. 4—(cont'd)

dren: Sarah, John, Mary, Joseph, William, Peter, Lucy (married Dabney Minor, cousin), Reuben, and Dabney Herndon (married Elizabeth Hall.)

Issue of James Minor and Mary Carr, eight children:

1. Dabney Minor, born Dec. 7, 1774, died Oct. 12, 1824; married 1st, Eliza Johnson; married 2nd, Martha Jefferson Terrell; married 3rd, Mary, (who as a widow, married a Mr. Allen and had Mary Allen who married Col. James Overton Carr.)
 2. Sarah Minor, married Dr. William Wardlow.
 3. Elizabeth Minor, married Alex Garritt.
 4. Ann Minor, born Aug. 10, 1784, died March 2, 1805; married Benjamin Yancey, son of Capt. Charles Yancey, Jr., and Mary Crawford.
 5. Mary Minor, married Richard Henry Allen.
 6. Barbara Overton Minor.
 7. James Minor, Jr., married Christiana Tompkins.
 8. Dr. John Minor, married Jane Bell.
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Issue of Dabney Minor and Ann Anderson, five children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Minor, born Sept. 6, 1775, died Jan. 3, 1833; married William Anderson of Hanover Co., son of Nathaniel Anderson and Elizabeth Carr.
2. Mary Minor, died infancy, 1777.
3. Dabney Minor, Jr., of "Woodlawn," born July 22, 1779, died March 8, 1822; married Lucy Herndon, daughter of Joseph Herndon and Mary Minor.
4. Ann Minor, born April 20, 1781, died Aug. 19, 1801; married Dr. Charles Meriwether, Sept. 15, 1800. (See Meriwether record in this book.)
5. Sally (Sarah) Minor, born Aug. 24, 1783, died Sept. 27, 1864; married Dr. John Gilmer.

RECORD OF COL. GARRITT MINOR AND
MARY OVERTON TERRELL
(Eleven Children)

Generation No. 5

1. Patsy Minor, married 1st, Robert Quarles; married 2nd, Hall.
2. Ann (Nancy) Minor, born Dec. 14, 1771, died 1820; married 1st, Thomas Meriwether, son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas (See Meriwether record in this book.) She married 2nd, John Brockman.
3. Rebecca Minor, born Feb. 2, 1775; married John Quarles (brother of Robert Quarles, Grandfather of Gen. Wm. Quarles who married Louisa Meriwether.)
4. Elizabeth Lewis Minor, born Aug. 27, 1776, died 1861; married Col. John Stapleton Crutchfield in 1799. They had one child.
5. Garritt Minor, Jr., married Eliza McWilliams. Had eight children.
6. Sarah Minor, born Aug. 14, 1781, died 1849; married David Watson. They had six children.
7. Mary Minor, married Garland Anderson. They had seven children.
8. Peter Minor, born July 30, 1783, died 1827; married Lucy Walker Gilmer (sister of Dr. John Gilmer of Edgemont.) They had nine children.
9. Dr. James Minor, born April 18, 1785, died 1828 at "Sunning Hill"; married Polly Watson. They had three children.
10. Louisa Minor, born Aug. 13, 1787; married Elijah Hutchinson. They had a daughter, Mary Louisa Hutchinson, who married Chiles Barker.
11. **Samuel Overton Minor**, born June 3, 1790, died Aug. 30, 1838, in Lincoln County, Missouri. He married Lydia Laurie Lewis, daughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether.

Issue of Samuel Overton Minor and Lydia Laurie Lewis,
eleven children:

Generation No. 6

1. Mary Overton Minor, born Dec. 4, 1812; married Samuel D. Eastin in 1838. They had three children: 1. Samuel Overton Eastin, who married 1st, Annie M. Gilmer, and by this marriage, one son, George G. Eastin. Samuel Overton Eastin married 2nd, Evaline Marmaduke and by this marriage he had two sons, Andrew O. and Charles D., both of whom now live near Waco, Texas. The second child of Samuel D. Eastin and Mary Overton Minor was Lydia Laurie Eastin, who married Heath Jones Meriwether in 1859 in Pike County, Missouri. (See the Meriwether family record in this book.) The third child of Samuel D. Eastin and Mary Overton Minor was Nannie L. Eastin who was born 1843. She never married. She lived with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Heath J. Meriwether, near Eolia, Missouri, and is the well-loved "Aunt Nannie" who devoted her life to the service of the Meriwether family. She died in 1917. (Mary Overton Minor [Eastin] was a sister of Louisa H. A. Minor, the author of the Meriwether genealogy.)

2. Thomas Walker Lewis Minor, born April 14, 1814, died 1838. married Eliza Clark, 1837. No issue.

3. Judge Garritt Minor, born Nov. 15, 1815; married 1st, Hettie McClanahan, in 1843. They had five children:
 1. Bettie Minor, died young.
 2. Ada Marshall Minor, who married her first cousin, Samuel Overton Minor. (See record of Samuel Overton Minor and Ada Minor in this book.)
 3. Nannie Erle Minor, born Jan. 4, 1857. After her mother's death, she moved to Versailles, Missouri, where she lived with Judge and Mrs. A. W. Anthony. On March 4, 1875, she married John Haywood Spurlock. Issue, eleven children:

Ann Erle Spurlock, born Jan. 22, 1876. Married J. B. Arnold, May 10, 1914. They have two children: Louis Arnold, born March 20, 1915, and Francis Arnold, born February 2, 1916.

James Minor Spurlock, born Dec. 23, 1879, married Ora Keene, May 2, 1913. They have four children: June Aurelia Spurlock, born June 2, 1914; Margaret Spurlock, born Nov. 8, 1916; Paul Minor Spurlock, born March 2, 1926; and Joyce Spurlock, born May 1, 1928.

John Robert Spurlock, born Oct. 10, 1881, married Linnie Merriott. They have four children: Helen, Deloris, T. L., and Woodrow Spurlock.

Clarinda Spurlock, born Feb. 13, 1883, married John Kelly, Oct. 30, 1905. They have no children.

Grover Cleveland Spurlock, born Nov. 10, 1885.

Anthony Wood Spurlock, born Jan. 22, 1887, married Faye Again. They have a child: Betty Jean Spurlock, born Oct., 1925.

Paul Spurlock, born Feb. 2, 1890, married Grace Clifton, June 24, 1915. They have three children: 1. Clifton Spurlock, born June 21, 1916. He is married to Mary Gleason and they have a daughter, Cathy; 2. Mabel Ruth Spurlock, born Jan. 24, 1924, married Ralph Anderson, Jan. 20, 1946; 3. Pauline Spurlock, born Feb. 19, 1927, is married to F. Steinbrueck, and they have one daughter, Paula Steinbrueck.

Henrietta Josephine Spurlock, born July 7, 1894, married Eugene Field Agee, May 27, 1916. They have three children: Eugene Field Agee, Jr., born July 24, 1917, and he married Lauranel Wilson, June 9, 1938, and they have four children—Eugene Field Agee, III, born March 29, 1939; Celia Jo Agee, born Aug. 12, 1940; Jonis Agee, born May 29, 1943; and James Michael Agee, born Dec. 5, 1946. Their second child, Fonda Agee, born Feb. 16, 1927, married William DeWitt Wingfield, August 4, 1950. Phyllis Ann Agee, the third child, born Feb. 24, 1931, married Richard Colfax Houser, March 26, 1949, and they have a son, Richard Chadbourne Houser, born Sept. 1, 1950.

Belford Walker Spurlock, born Sept. 22, 1897, married Mary Lamb. They have two children: Janet Lamb Spurlock, born Jan. 22, 1930; and June Belle Spurlock.

Susan Agatha Spurlock, born July 14, 1900, married John Mullins, Jan., 1929. They have three children: Margaret Erle, born Jan. 22, 1930; Garritt Minor, born 1933; and Mary Ann Mullins, born 1936.

Drury J. Spurlock, born Dec. 4, 1903, married Jeannette Allen, 1927. They have five children: James Haywood, born Sept. 20, 1930; Belford Milo, born 1933; Jon Minor, born 1937; Victor, born 1940; and Nancy Ann Spurlock, born June, 1944.

4. Maria Louise Minor (Nellie), married Hardin Stark. Issue, three children:

1. Douglas Minor Stark, married Mary Reed. Issue, five children: 1. Mary Minor Stark, b. 1908, d. infancy; 2. Jessie Ball Stark, b. April 26, 1910, married Roy Southgate Rucker, Nov. 15, 1931. The Ruckers have three children: Roy Southgate Rucker, Jr., b. Aug. 6, 1932, Booker Hall Rucker, III, b. Oct. 29, 1939, and Stark Reed Rucker, b. March 18, 1947; 3. Dorothy Louise Stark, b. April 19, 1913, d. June 13, 1946; 4. Douglas Reed Stark, b. July 7, 1920; and 5. John Minor Stark, b. Sept. 14, 1923.

2. Ruth Bina Stark, married C. B. Caverly, no issue.

3. Marshall Earl Stark, married Ola Turner. Issue, two children: 1. Marshall Stark, b. Aug. 12, 1913, married Frances Fay McCune, April 17, 1938. They have a son, Marshall McCune Stark; 2. Meriwether Lewis Stark, b. 1915, d. 1918.

5. Lewis Garritt Minor. No record.

Judge Garritt Minor married 2nd, his cousin, Mrs. Marianne Lewis Hallam. There was no issue of this marriage.

4. William Woolfolk Minor, born March 10, 1817, died May 3, 1885; married 1st, Susan Walton Pepper, 1838. Issue, four children:

1. Laurie Anne Minor, born June 1839, married Thomas B. Hutchison, Sept. 3, 1860. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven of whom died in infancy. Following is the record of the seven children who lived to adulthood:

1. Edna Minor Hutchison, born April 5, 1864, married Robert E. Lee Holmes. They had one son, Charles W. ("Dan") Holmes, who married Eva Craig, and they were the parents of three children: 1. Robert Earl Holmes; 2. Charles W. Holmes, Jr., who married Esther Helen Pakkala, and they have a son, Jack Edwin Holmes; 3. Ruth E. Holmes. (Note—Charles W. Holmes, Sr., married 2nd, Minnie Eugenia Hutchison Gunckel.)

2. William Thomas Hutchison, born March 15, 1867, married Patience Grace Summers, 1888. They had one daughter, Frances Wells Hutchison, who married 1st, Ralph King. She married 2nd, M. Julian Roquier. They live in Berryville, Ark., as does her father, William Thomas Hutchison. After the death of his first wife, William T. Hutchison married 2nd, Mollie Summers Rawlings.

3. James D. Hutchison, born Nov. 6, 1868, married Charlotte ("Lottie") Zickler, and they had one son, Clarence Edward Hutchison. He married Vernetta Eloise Pepper and they have two children: Jean Vernetta and Joyce Elaine Hutchison.

4. Samuel Pepper Hutchison, born Sept. 9, 1869, married 1st, Lizzie Glore in 1889. He married 2nd, Sylvia E. Zoehler, May 25, 1892. They were the parents of three children: 1. Roy Verdier Hutchison, who married Laura Lilly Fletcher and they have one daughter, Louise Ann Hutchison; 2. Irene Sylvia Hutchison, who married Ray D. Reeds, and they have three sons: (a) Duncan Hutchison Reeds, who married Eleanor McDermott, and they have two children, Billie Duncan Reeds, and Jamie Carter Reeds; (b) Walton Verdier Reeds, who married Charlene Black, and they have two children; Clark Duncan Reeds and Laura Louise Reeds; (c) Carter Birch Reeds, who married Doris Jean Taylor, no issue; 3. Minnie Eugenia Hutchison, married 1st, Ray Herbert Gunckel and they had one child, Ray Herbert Gunckel, Jr., who married Blanche Jones and they have two children: Rita Jean Gunckel, and Barbara Lynn Gunckel. (Minnie Eugenia Hutchison Gunckel married 2nd, Charles W. Holmes, Sr.)

5. Annie Laurie Hutchison, born Dec. 1872, married William Helman, and they had two children: 1. Henry Helman, who married Esther Hill, and they have a daughter, Christine Helman; 2. Laura Annie Helman, who married Charles Freeman, and they have two children: Dolores Freeman, and Charles Freeman.

6. Mable Eugenia Hutchison, born March 1874, married Walker H. Townsend. They had five children, one of whom died in infancy: 1. Harry Townsend, married Dorothy Cline, no issue. He died in an accident when about 21; 2. Leta Waite Townsend, married George Griswold, and they have

four children: (a) Jean Griswold, who is married to Al Calahan, and they have two children, Patty Ann and Linda Lee Calahan; (b) George Griswold, Jr., who was killed in an accident when 20 years of age; (c) Patsy Griswold; (d) Jerry Griswold; 3. Ione Lumay Townsend, died in her teens; 4. Thomas Townsend, who married Edna Margaret Carter, and they have a son, Thomas Lee Townsend, Jr.

7. Julia Meloan Hutchison, born Sept. 1876, married Frank Peterson. Issue, four children: 1. Ralph Peterson, married Irene McCadie, and they have one daughter, Doris Jean Peterson, who married William Edwards; 2. Pearl Peterson, married 1st, Robert Miseles; married 2nd, Thomas Tomonasite; 3. Edna Peterson, married 1st, Gordon Montgomery, and by this marriage had one son, Gordon Montgomery, Jr. Her second marriage was to Percival McLaughlin, no issue. She married 3rd, C. A. Dickerson, and they have two children: Sharon Pearl Dickerson, and Cherie Julia Dickerson; 4. Charles W. ("Dubby") Peterson, who married Bernice Sullivan, and they have two children, Judy Peterson, and Thomas Peterson.

2. Susan Elizabeth Minor, born Dec. 4, 1842, died 1935. Married James Reynolds, Nov. 24, 1867. Issue, one daughter, Minnie Walton Reynolds, born Nov. 6, 1869, died 1941. She was married to Charles Dameron, Dec. 16, 1894. Issue, six children:

1. Lottie Loree Dameron, b. March 12, 1897, married Thomas O. Akers, Feb. 5, 1927. Issue, five children: 1. William Guy Akers, b. March 31, 1928; 2. Roland Thomas Akers, b. Aug. 27, 1930; 3. Ruby Loree Akers, b. Dec. 6, 1932; 4. James Emil Akers, b. May 26, 1934; and 5. John Frank Akers, b. Dec. 29, 1938.

2. Thomas Harvey Dameron, b. Aug. 26, 1899.

3. Mollie Minor Dameron, b. June 4, 1902, married Elliott Mansfield Gibbs, Sept. 25, 1919. Issue, three children: 1. Charles Mansfield Gibbs, b. Sept. 26, 1920; 2. Francis Dameron Gibbs, b. April 7, 1923; and 3. Helen Louise Gibbs, b. Aug. 30, 1929.

4. Jessie Ball Dameron, b. May 27, 1904, married Thomas Addison Hanebery, 1925. Issue, two children: 1. Clarence Reynolds Hanebery, b. April 23, 1926, married Clarice Dick-

herber, and they are the parents of one child, Thomas Reynolds Hanebery, b. Aug. 11, 1950; 2. Nellie Lee Hanebery, b. March 24, 1928, married Thomas Heath, May 21, 1948, and they have one child, Susan Lynn Heath, b. March 3, 1951.

5. Katie Guy Dameron, b. Feb. 6, 1907, married Hurley Ernest Coose. Issue, two children: Mary Katherine Coose, b. Aug. 27, 1927; and Hurley Dameron Coose, b. April 22, 1934.

6. James Dunmore Dameron, died as infant.

3. Samuel Overton Minor, born July 25, 1845, died 1934; married his first cousin, Ada Marshall Minor, daughter of Garritt Minor and Hettie McClanahan, Feb. 10, 1869. Issue, eleven children:

1. Ida E. Minor, born April 1870. Lives near Eolia, Missouri.

2. Beulah B. Minor, born July 11, 1872, married William Rushmore Reid. He was born July 15, 1867, in Edinburgh, Scotland. He came to the United States in 1875 and settled near Eolia, Mo. Issue, five children: 1. Gordon Lynn Reid, born Feb. 22, 1900, married Florence Berwin of Detroit, Michigan, no issue; 2. Joseph P. Reid, born Aug. 1, 1903, married Sophia Rogers of Toronto, Canada. They have two sons: Ronald Reid, born Feb. 25, 1935, and Richard Reid, born Dec. 5, 1939; 3. Edna Erle Reid, born Sept. 2, 1905, married Addison McDonnald, Louisiana, Mo.; 4. Ada Minor Reid, born 1907, married Thomas J. White. They have one son, Thomas Duane White, born Oct. 7, 1946, and live near Eolia, Mo.; 5. Dorothy May Reid, born Feb. 26, 1910, married Joseph N. England. They have one daughter, Ada Lee England, born April 15, 1944.

3. Claude O. Minor, born Sept. 7, 1874, married Martha Miller, July 4, 1901. Lives near Eolia, Mo. They had an infant son who died at birth.

4. Henrietta J. B. Minor, born Dec. 24, 1875, died 1948.

5. William Walton Minor, born June 1877. Lives near Eolia, Missouri.

6. Edna Overton Minor, born Feb. 14, 1879, died 1897.

7. Ada Maude Minor, born Sept. 1880, married Harry C. Lewis, Feb. 1905. They live near Eolia, Missouri. Issue, two children: Samuel Minor Lewis, born Nov. 1908, married Iris Basye, 1934; Mary J. Lewis, born 1911, died 1932.

8. Susan Pepper Minor, born April 21, 1883, married Clifford Hagenbaugh, June 1, 1921. Issue: one son, Minor Clifford Hagenbaugh, b. June 17, 1923. He married 1st, Loris Gray, 1947, and they had one daughter, Jefferie Suzanne Hagenbaugh, born March 25, 1948. Minor Clifford Hagenbaugh married 2nd, The Hagenbaugh family lives in California.

9. Samuel Overton Minor, Jr., born Feb. 12, 1885, married Frances Sniter, Nov. 17, 1913. Issue, three children: 1. Louis Earl Minor, born July 30, 1916, married Loretta Lang, June 29, 1944, and have one child, Shirley Ann Minor, born March 7, 1947; 2. Kenneth Gerhard Minor, born Nov. 30, 1922, married Norma Hall, Aug. 9, 1944; 3. Artia Minor, born Aug. 14, 1927, married Sam Fisse, Dec. 11, 1948. The Samuel Overton Minor family lives in Minnesota.

10. Charles Carter Minor, born Oct. 1886. Lives in Detroit, Michigan.

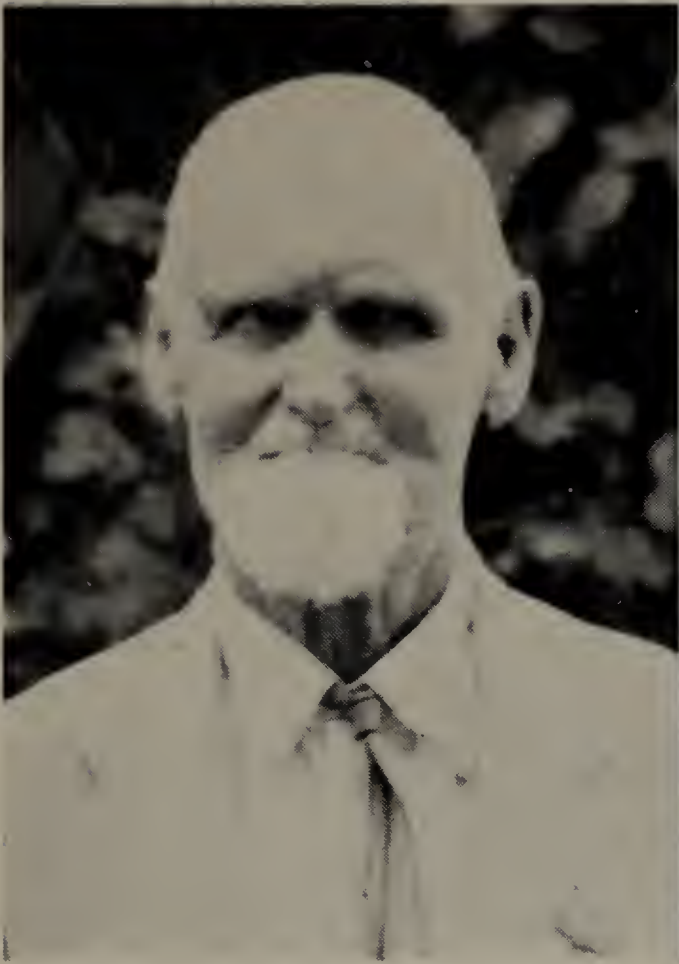
11. Marshall Garritt Minor, born May 1891, died 1949.

4. Edna McCord Minor, born Feb. 24, 1850, died April 19, 1948, at the age of 98. She was married to Charles E. Carter, July 18, 1874. They were the parents of eight children:

1. Margaret Walton Carter, b. June 6, 1875, married Homer Patton, Sept. 23, 1899. Issue, one daughter, Carter Frances Patton, b. Dec. 18, 1900, who married Everette M. Baskett, 1926. They have two children: Marjorie Ellen Baskett, b. March 11, 1927; and John Robert Baskett, b. May 20, 1936.

2. Shirley Minor Carter, b. July 25, 1876, d. Dec. 10, 1941, married Allen E. Dodson, 1906. Issue, one son, Charles E. Dodson, and he is married and has two sons, John and Robert Dodson, both of whom are in Europe, 1951.

3. Edna Champe Carter, b. March 5, 1879, married William Lewis Davis, Aug. 23, 1903. Issue, four children: 1.



SAMUEL OVERTON MINOR

(Son of William Woolfolk Minor and Susan Walton Pepper. He was a grandson of Samuel Overton Minor and Lydia Laurie Lewis.)

ADA MARSHALL MINOR

(Mrs. Samuel Overton Minor, daughter of Judge Garritt Minor and Hettie McClanahan.)



EDNA MCCORD MINOR

(Mrs. Charles E. Carter, daughter of William Woolfork Minor and Susan Walton Pepper. She was a granddaughter of Samuel Overton Minor and Lydia Laurie Lewis.)



JESSIE MINOR

(Mrs. David A. Ball, daughter of Samuel Overton Minor, Jr., and Elizabeth White Carter. She was a granddaughter of Samuel Overton Minor and Lydia Laurie Lewis.)

SKETCH OF CARTER FAMILY

The name Carter is found in records of the eighth century, and is an old Gaelic word (Cairtear) meaning a tourist or sojourner. The Carter family lived in England in Yorkshire, Cornwall, Gloucester, and Staffordshire. The first of the name to come to Virginia was John Carter, who came here in 1635 on the ship *America*. He was given a grant of land from the king of eleven thousand acres. In all land grants from the king during the settlement of Colonial America, 50 additional acres was allowed for each servant brought or imported for work on this land. John Carter's home was "Corotoman," and nearby he built Christ Church (Episcopal) which is now located in a corner of Lancaster County, Virginia. In later years this church was restored and enlarged by his son Robert.

John Carter's first wife was Sarah, daughter of Sir Thomas Ludlow, who was related to the royal family of England. Sarah Ludlow was the mother of Robert Carter, born 1663, died 1732, who, because of his great wealth and power was dubbed "King Carter" by Governor Nicholson of the Colony, and this name stuck, for even today he is known by that name. When he died he left 500,000 acres of land, a thousand slaves and \$50,000. "King Carter" was married twice; his first wife was Judith Armistead; his second wife was a widow, Mrs. Willis (Langdon) of England. A daughter, Judith A. Carter, married Mr. Page, and was an ancestor of Thomas Nelson Page. Another descendant, Ann Hill Carter, married Mr. Lee and was the mother of Gen. Robert E. Lee. "King Carter" was also an ancestor of the two President Harrisons. Other Carter homes are Redland in Albemarle Co., Virginia, and Carter's Hall, sometimes called "Carter's Grove." Both of these estates are still owned by the Carter family. Another home, "Shirley," on the James River, which was named for Shirley, the wife of Robert Hill Carter, and many a Carter child is christened with the name of "Shirley."

Charles Marshall Davis, b. July 7, 1904, married Elinor Potts, July 16, 1927. Issue, two daughters: Shirley Margaret Davis, b. Dec. 19, 1932, and Charlene Carter Davis, b. Aug. 20, 1939; 2. Shirley Carter Davis, b. June 6, 1907, who married Rose Howard, and they have one son, William B. Davis, b. Sept. 13, 1941; 3. and 4. Armistead Rains Davis and Overton Minor Davis, twins, b. Oct. 25, 1909. (Overton Minor Davis died in infancy.) Armistead R. Davis married Rose Miller, no issue.

4. Charles William Carter, b. March 3, 1880, married Ollie Brown, 1904. Issue, seven children, two of whom died in infancy: 1. Elizabeth May Carter, who married Everett W. Evans, and they have three children: Elizabeth Anne, Bruce Carter, and James Wesley Evans; 2. Edna M. Carter, married Thomas Townsend, and they have one son, Thomas Lee Townsend; 3. Gussie Walton Carter, married Sheldon G. Tromblee, and they have seven children: Mary Carter, Guy Sheldon, Karen Lynn, Thomas Elwood, Charles Walton, Mary Lou, and Gerald Alan Tromblee; 4. Sarah Knight Carter, married Carl F. Sine, and they have one son, Robert Carter Sine; and 5. John Coles Carter, married Dorothy Mary Strong, and they have a daughter, Carolyn Lee Carter.

5. Ellen Knight Carter, b. Aug. 5, 1881, married James Morrow, 1910. Issue, one daughter, Mary Olga Morrow, R.N.

6. Isaetta Louise Carter, b. Aug. 16, 1883, married William Otis Woods, Dec. 24, 1907. Issue, four children: 1. Margaret Dean Woods, b. Aug. 19, 1910, married Ross W. Heady, July 28, 1928, no issue; 2. William Minor Woods, b. May 19, 1912, married Alma Rose Calnan, Dec. 24, 1936. Issue, two children: Phyllis Darlene Woods, b. Feb. 14, 1939, and William Eugene Woods, b. Nov. 3, 1944; 3. Henry Stevenson Woods, b. May 9, 1914, married Thelma Lee Coose, Oct. 31, 1936. Issue, four children: Gerald Woods, d. infancy; Carol Dean Woods, b. Feb. 19, 1940; Thelma Jean Woods, b. June 10, 1941; and Linda Lee Woods, b. Oct. 12, 1947; 4. Edna Louise Woods, b. Dec. 30, 1916, married Burt Kurtz, Dec. 10, 1949, no issue.

7. Sarah Enoch Pepper Carter, b. Sept. 25, 1885, married Albert Cleveland Elliott. Issue, eight children: 1. Ellen C.,

b. July 23, 1906, married Elsworth Bass, May 30, 1930, and have one child, Mary Ellen Bass, b. Dec. 24, 1931; 2. Virginia Jamerson, b. Aug. 15, 1908, married Fred Troutner, May 10, 1928, and they have three sons: David Elliott Troutner, b. Oct. 10, 1929, John Robert Troutner, b. Sept. 30, 1931, and Fred Ira Troutner, b. April 27, 1935; 3. George Albert Elliott, b. May 10, 1911, married Alberta Pence, July 16, 1932, and they have one child, Phillis Gene Elliott, b. 1933; 4. William Randolph Elliott, b. Jan. 2, 1914, married Dorothy Rose Richard, Dec. 1936, and they have two children: William Robert Elliott, b. Jan. 11, 1939, and James Randolph Elliott, b. June 1946; 5. Charles Robert Elliott, b. Dec. 23, 1916, married Wanda Evelyn Sawyer, Dec. 25, 1947, no issue; 6. Sarah Pepper Elliott, b. Jan. 18, 1921, married William T. Leverington, Dec. 1944, and they have one son, William Lewis Leverington, b. Dec. 19, 1945; 7. Elizabeth Louise Elliott, b. March 28, 1926, married Elmer Richard Asquith, Oct. 22, 1945, and they have one son, Elmer Richard Asquith, Jr., b. Jan. 8, 1951; 8. Harry Eugene Elliott, b. May 17, 1932, unmarried.

8. Robert Hill Carter, b. July 23, 1888, died Jan. 6, 1942.

William Woolfolk Minor married 2nd, Samara F. Fortune. They had four children:

1. Richard Lewis Minor, b. Sept. 14, 1856, d. July 17, 1935, at Clarksville, Missouri. He married Elizabeth Marmaduke, Oct. 28, 1885. She died Nov. 16, 1927. They had five children:

1. Helen Marmaduke Minor, born Dec. 4, 1887, died Jan. 16, 1941. She married J. Fikuart, April 23, 1919. They had two children: Helen Louise, who died in infancy; and J. Frank Fikuart, born Dec. 5, 1922, who married Marta Reihling, Sept. 9, 1946, and they have one son, J. Richard Fikuart, born July 2, 1947. The Fikuarts live in Lincoln, Illinois.

2. William Wallace Minor, born Sept. 28, 1889, died June 4, 1936. Unmarried.

3. Mary Bragg Minor, born Jan. 1, 1894, married 1st, John F. Lawrence, Jan. 17, 1920. He died ten days later. She married 2nd, Morrow Walton Pegan, Sept. 13, 1933. No issue. They live in St. Louis, Mo.

4. Edith Vivian Minor, born Nov. 9, 1897. Unmarried. She lives in St. Louis, Mo.
5. Frank Wirt Minor, born Jan. 9, 1902, married Mary Emily Smith, Jan. 5, 1925. They live in Collinsville, Ill.
2. Nicholas Peter Minor, born April 15, 1858, died May 7, 1942, at Bardwell, Texas. He married Johnnie Catherine Bracken, and they had four children:
 1. Mary Minor, born 1881, died 1939, married P. D. Hawkins, and they had two children: Verna Hawkins, and J. C. Hawkins.
 2. John William Minor, born 1883, married Roxie Lehew, March 22, 1908, and they had three sons: M. Lee Minor; Marvin Minor, died 1936; and William Ray Minor. Mr. and Mrs. John William Minor have two grandchildren: Joe Lee Minor and Glenda Minor.
 3. Elmore Minor, born Jan. 14, 1885, married Madie Stacey, 1911. They have one daughter, Diana Minor.
 4. Nannie Minor, born Dec. 25, 1887, married John Everette, of Tom Bean, Texas, and they have seven children: Eula Mae, Leo, G. J., Audie Lee, Elton, Opal, and Audrey Everette. The Minor families listed above live at Ennis, Kaufman, Lipan, Bardwell, and Tom Bean, Texas.
3. James William Minor, born June 30, 1861, and now lives at Kaufman, Texas, where he recently observed his 90th birthday. He was married to Mary Eliza Dandridge, May 4, 1887. They were the parents of ten children:
 1. Robert Nicholas Minor, born March 12, 1888.
 2. Florence Elizabeth Minor, died in infancy.
 3. Susie Lorena Minor, born Feb. 7, 1893, married Mr. Cave, and they are the parents of ten children: 1. James Cave, born Sept. 11, 1911; 2. Robert Cave, born June 19, 1913; 3. Felix Cave, born April 14, 1915; 4. Jack Cave, born Feb. 24, 1918; 5. Temple Cave, born Oct. 3, 1919; 6. Maxine Cave, born Nov. 8, 1920, married Mr. Holiday; 7. Pauline Cave, born Sept. 14, 1923, married Mr. Reed; 8. Thomas Cave, born Feb. 9, 1926; 9. Patti Ruth Cave, born Aug. 12, 1930, married Mr. Burgess, and they have one daughter, Paula Burgess, born April 1, 1951; 10. Dan Cave, born May 5, 1933.

The following Cave children are great-grandchildren of James William Minor of Kaufman, Texas. It was not possible to get the various names of the fathers and mothers of these children, but all of them live at Kaufman, Texas, and following are their names and dates of birth: Garry Cave, born June 11, 1941; Patricia Sue Cave, born Jan. 1, 1942; Carolyn Cave, born March 7, 1947; Dennis Cave, born April 8, 1949; Angie Cave, born Nov. 7, 1949; Cheryl Cave, born April 16, 1948; Eugene Cave, born Aug. 7, 1945; Paul Cave, born Sept. 26, 1947.

4. Eula Crystal Minor, born Jan. 20, 1895, married Mr. Pruner.

5. Carl Henry Minor, born Jan. 8, 1898.

6. Thurston Eugene Minor, born July 31, 1900. He is married and has a daughter, Kathleen Minor, born Dec. 14, 1938.

7. Clarence Leo Minor, born Nov. 20, 1902.

8. Syble Lee Minor, born April 8, 1905. Married Mr. Tinsley, and they have a son, Frank Tinsley, Jr., who was born Oct. 20, 1922.

9. Myrtle Magnolia Minor, born Aug. 7, 1908. She lives in Kaufman, Texas.

10. Fletcher Vinson Minor, born July 14, 1911. He is married and has a son, Don William Minor, born Sept. 3, 1934. They live in Kaufman, Texas.

4. Mary M. Minor, born July 14, 1863, and married Mr. Tucker. She died in 1935. This family lived at Bowie, Texas. They had five children: Leonard Tucker, Lewis Tucker, Luther Tucker, Arch Tucker, and Josephine Tucker.

5. Dr. James Hunter Minor, b. 1818, d. 1862. Married Mary W. Morris. Issue, six children:

1. James Hunter Minor, Jr., born 1848. Married Ida M. Lake, 1883. Issue, one child: Mary Minor, who married Dr. Allie Adams. They lived at Mexico, Mo.

2. Elizabeth M. Minor, who married her cousin, Robert Warner Lewis in 1864. Issue, one daughter: Annie Laurie Lewis, who married Sylvanus Morris in 1890. Issue, three children: Lawrence Lewis Morris, Hunter Lewis Morris, and Mary Lewis Morris.

3. William Overton Minor. He was a circuit judge in California. He married Miss Clark. Issue, two children: Mary Constance Minor and Lula Minor.
 4. Thomas S. Minor.
 5. Richard C. Minor.
 6. Annie Laurie Minor, died infancy.
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6. Samuel Overton Minor, Jr., born 1820, died 1880. Married Elizabeth White Carter (born Feb. 2, 1824, died March 6, 1906.) Issue, eight children:
 1. Nannie Minor, died infancy.
 2. Lydia Overton Minor, born Nov. 23, 1846, married Albert Marye Weir, 1868. Issue, six children: 1. R. Minor Weir, born March 8, 1869; 2. Annie E. Weir, born Oct. 9, 1870; 3. Florence Weir, born Sept. 26, 1872, married Harold Blair Pollard, 1896; 4. Albert Marye Weir, born Dec. 20, 1876, married Jessie Smith, 1900; 5. Jessie Weir, born July 6, 1881; and 6. Arthur Lewis Weir, born Dec. 16, 1888.
 3. Alice Davis Minor, born Dec. 6, 1849, married Cortez Morgan Fry, 1868. (Note—The Fry family of Louisiana, Missouri are descendants of Joshua Fry, who was noted in the early history of Virginia. Joshua Fry was born 1754 in England, educated at Oxford, and later came to America and became Professor of Mathematics in William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Virginia. He was present when the County of Albemarle, Virginia, was organized, and he was made one of its first magistrates, county lieutenant and surveyor. He was a lieutenant in the French and Indian Wars, and at his death was succeeded by George Washington. He married Mrs. Mary Micou Hill, who was a daughter of Philip Micou, a Huguenot refugee.) Alice Davis Minor and Cortez Morgan Fry were the parents of five children:
 1. Lilly Fry, born March 23, 1871, married Lawrence Godwin.
 2. Overton Minor Fry, born Aug. 12, 1873, married Katharine Goodman. Issue, two children: Overton Minor Fry, died in infancy; James Overton Fry, born 1908, married Virginia McCune, 1932. They have a son, James McCune Fry, born 1935. James Overton Fry is now a Judge in Pike County, Missouri. (1951)

3. John Carter Fry, born Feb. 26, 1876, married Adele Ruth Dreyfus, 1898. Their son, James Dreyfus Fry, born 1902, married Martha A. Bibb, 1926, and their daughter, Margaret Adele Fry, was born 1932.

4. Albert Marye Fry, born 1882, married Helen Baird. No issue.

5. Elizabeth Florence Fry, born March 15, 1886, married Claude Flambeau in 1904. They have a son, David Ball Flambeau, born 1906. He married Dorothy Marie Miller in 1942, and they have two children: Claudia Ann Flambeau, born Jan. 19, 1945, and Peggy Dell Flambeau, born Sept. 25, 1946.

4. Jessie Minor, born May 13, 1853, married David A. Ball. No issue.

5. John Lewis Minor, born Dec. 12, 1854, married 1st, Emma Hobbs, and they had a son, who died in infancy. John Lewis Minor married 2nd,, and by this marriage had a son: Davis Minor, who married Irene Maybrey, and they have a daughter, Marylyn Ann Minor, born Aug. 26, 1940.

6. Florence Lynn Minor, born Nov. 27, 1857, died 1882. She married Isaac Newton Bryson, 1881. They had one son: Edgar Lynn Bryson, who married Gladys Schneider. A son, Isaac Newton Bryson, III, was born to them.

7. Peter Carr Minor, born March 12, 1860, died March 8, 1901. He married Catherine Vallery (born March 21, 1866, died Nov. 14, 1941) June 5, 1889. Issue, two children:

Lynn Overton Minor, born May 4, 1890. He married Ellen Campbell Pollock, Oct. 17, 1914. (She was born Oct. 17, 1891, and was the daughter of Thomas Herbert Pollock and Lida Patterson of Plattsmouth, Nebr.) Lynn Overton Minor and his wife live in Kankakee, Illinois. They have three children: 1. Herbert Pollock Minor, born March 26, 1917. He was married to Joan Moore, Jan. 23, 1939. They have two children: Herbert Pollock Minor, Jr., born Sept. 24, 1943; and Teryle Jean Minor, born March 28, 1949; 2. Eleanor Patricia Minor, born Dec. 21, 1919. She married John E. Rice, April 16, 1941; 3. Charles Carter Minor, born April 20, 1923. He was married to Beulah Rucker, June 23,

1945. They have one child, Lynne Patricia Minor, born April 23, 1951.

Madeline Vallery Minor, second child of Peter Carr Minor and Catherine Vallery, was born Feb. 11, 1892, and married Percival H. Field, June 25, 1927. They have one son: Charles Minor Field, born Jan. 17, 1930.

8. Augusta Cordelia Minor, born 1862, married Capt. Lafayette A. Dorrington, Jan. 6, 1886. Mrs. Dorrington lives in California. The Dorringtons had one daughter: Helen Minor Dorrington, born Aug. 5, 1888. She married Col. H. C. K. Muhlenberg, June 8, 1909. They had two children: 1. David D. K. Muhlenberg, born May 6, 1914. He married Patricia Nova Ruth Neilson in 1942. They have a daughter, Nova Dorrington Muhlenberg, born Feb. 5, 1948; 2. John C. K. Muhlenberg, born Sept. 18, 1916. He married Vivian Boas, Jan. 19, 1940. They have two children: Brent J. Muhlenberg, born Dec. 21, 1941; and Marlene U. Muhlenberg, born May 16, 1944.

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7. Judge Nicholas Peter Minor, born Aug. 25, 1822, died Dec. 1, 1892, married Susan H. Lewis, Dec. 2, 1848. Issue, four children: Florence, Richard, and Peter Carr Minor. These three children died in infancy. The fourth child of Judge Nicholas Peter Minor and Susan H. Lewis—Nicholas Lewis Minor—born 1855, died 1893—no issue.

Judge Nicholas Peter Minor married 2nd, Eliza Thomas Rootes, in 1866. Issue, one son: Fontaine Meriwether Minor, born May 10, 1867, died Oct. 10, 1920, who was generally known as "Molly" Minor, and published a newspaper for many years in Louisiana, Missouri. He married Flora May Fisher, Jan. 4, 1893. Issue, three children:

1. Nicholas Peter Minor, born Jan. 29, 1894, married Mary Kathrine O'Pata, 1923. They live in Portland, Ore. They have one daughter, Mary Kathrine, born April 19, 1925, who married Richard K. Worl, in 1950. The Worls live in Seattle, Washington.

2. Margaret May Minor, born Sept. 12, 1896, married James Cecil Shepherd, Jan. 22, 1922. The Shepherds live in Kansas City, Mo. They have two children: 1. Flora Elizabeth Shepherd,

born Aug. 30, 1924, married James Frederick McConaty, Dec. 18, 1945, and they have three children: Margaret Elizabeth McConaty, born Sept. 9, 1946, Christine Anne McConaty, born June 30, 1948, and Susan Claire McConaty, born Jan. 2, 1951;
 2. James Clay Shepherd, born Aug. 19, 1926, married Martha June Hamilton, Feb. 1, 1951.

3. Elizabeth Fisher Minor, born Jan. 9, 1903, married John Kendall Johnson in 1924. No issue.

8. Betty Lewis Minor, born Sept. 12, 1825, died 1903. Married Andrew J. Brown, July 18, 1843. Issue, ten children:

1. Bettie O. Brown, born 1844, married Dr. S. D. Moses of New York City, Aug. 1, 1867. Issue, two children: Sallie O. Moses, born 1868; Lewis M. Moses, born 1870.

2. Susan T. Brown, born 1845, married 1869, George A. Staley. Issue, one child: Lily Staley, who married William Wheaton.

3. Lydia Laurie Brown, born 1847, married Rev. Frank D. Moore. Issue, four children, three of whom are: Frances G. Moore, Bessie Moore, and John Moore.

4. James Hunter Brown, born 1849, married and had one daughter: Bessie Brown.

5. L. Minor Brown, 1851-1869.

6. Margaret Douglas Brown, married 1876, H. J. Huck, Jr., of Texas. Issue, three children, of whom two are known: Margaret Josephine Huck, who married Frank C. Read, and Anna K. Huck.

7. Andrew Laurie Brown, born 1856, married Dora Deane of Texas. No further record.

8. Charles Augustine Warner Brown, born 1858.

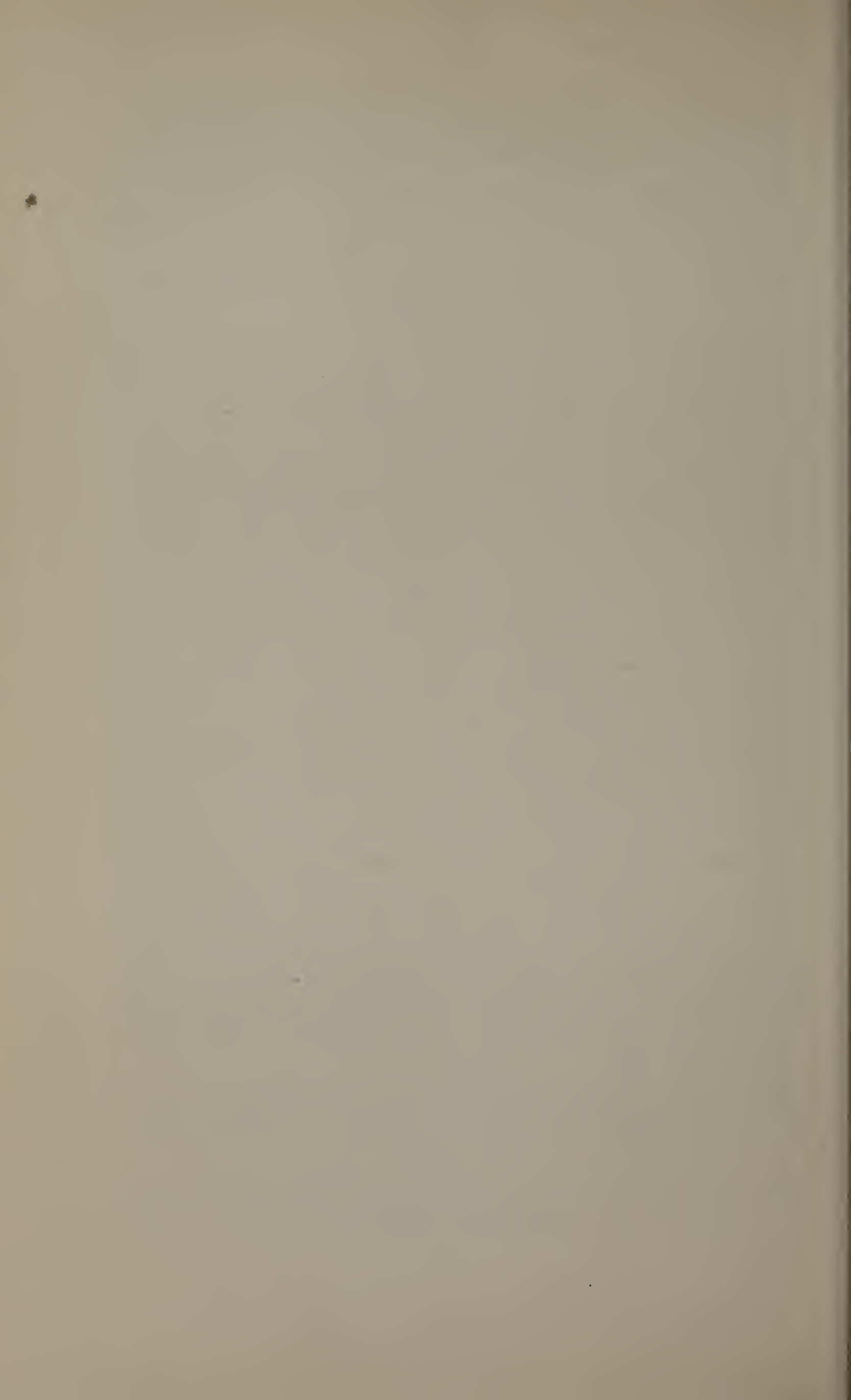
9. Annie Cornelia Brown, born 1860.

10. Willie Timberlake Brown, born 1862, married Dr. Dold of New York City. Issue, at least one child: Douglas Dold. No further record.

9. Lydia Laurie Minor, born Dec. 2, 1827, died June 1851, married Dr. S. McKay. Issue, three children: Margaret D. McKay, Richard McKay, and Overton McKay. No further record.

10. Sally Watson Minor, born Jan. 3, 1829, died March 1873. Married Dr. Edward Lee or Lea. No record.

11. Louisa H. A. Minor, born in Virginia, April 13, 1833. Her mother, Lydia Laurie Lewis Minor, died a few months after her birth and Aunt Lou was reared to womanhood by an aunt. Her father and most of the Minor children removed to Missouri in 1835, and her grandmother, Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis, also moved with the family of Minors, Lewises, and Meriwethers to Pike and Lincoln counties at the same time. Aunt Lou Minor continued to live in Virginia until 1872, when, at the death of her aunt she came to Pike county to live. She was a gifted conversationalist, a wonderful story-teller to her many nieces, nephews, and cousins "several times removed," and after coming to Missouri, she added the numerous branches of the Missouri families to her Genealogy, and in 1892 had it printed as "The Meriwethers and Their Connections." It has been an invaluable aid to all of those who wanted to know something of the families, and it has been used as a reference work by many other authors of books about the families, and has received high praise from them as a first-rate and accurate work. Aunt Lou Minor left us all a fine legacy in this record. She also had a diary, copies of which certain members of the family have in their possession and it has been a source of delight for its frankness and for her appraisal of the many stirring events she witnessed, among them the depredations committed by the soldiers of the Union Army, when they invaded her home in Virginia, "Pan Tops." She describes her encounter "with these uncouth, uncultured, and ravaging barbarians—for that is what they are." Those of us who knew her, and particularly those of us who were children, were entertained with stories of the family and its quirks, peculiarities, and eccentricities. She made them come alive for us—and she drilled us so that forever after we would know that the "Lost Cause" was the "Just Cause." She was beloved by all of her relatives and loved all of her relatives, even though her strictures of some of them were to the point. Aunt Lou Minor died at Eolia, Missouri, at the age of 89, Oct. 11, 1922.



Wells Family Record

The record in the family shows that our forefathers were English and that they came from Litchfield, England.

The first of the family of which we have authentic information is of two brothers—Thomas Wells and John Wells, who were attached to the army of King William III of England, which invaded Ireland.

Thomas Wells, from whom we trace our ancestry, was Captain of Dragoons and John Wells a Cornet. They fought under the command of the Duke of Shromburg, in the battle of Boyne Water, June 30, 1690. John was killed. Thomas, surviving, settled in the north of Ireland, where he married a Miss Church, daughter of a councilor of Kerron.

Generation 1

Thomas Wells, m. Miss Church. Issue, two children: Joshua Wells and Abigail Wells.

Generation 2

Joshua Wells, m. Elizabeth Young. Issue, three children: John Wells, Thomas Wells, and Abigail Wells.

Generation 3

Thomas Wells, m. Ann Richard. Issue, eight children: James Richard, Ash, Stephen, Abigail, John, Thomas, Elizabeth Young, and Susan Monepenny Wells.

Thomas Wells (3) was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 1732. He came to America about ten years before the American Revolution. He brought with him besides his wife and son James—his brother John, a Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, and a Mr. and Mrs. Young. The ladies were his mother's sisters. There were others who came but went back to Ireland when the Revolutionary War began. Thomas Wells and family first settled in Morris county, N. J. When the Revolutionary War started, he joined the Rebels, and was a commissary in the army.

The traitor Benedict Arnold met with him one day in Philadel-

phia and accused him of being a loyalist, saying, "Ah! Wells, your heart is with the British if your purse is with the Americans."

After the war Thomas Wells and family settled in Orange County, Virginia. In later years, they moved to Washington Court House, Pa., where he died May 24, 1811. His wife died April 30, 1824. They were buried in the Horseshoe Churchyard near the Monongahela River in Washington County, Pa.

Generation 4

Thomas Wells, Jr., b. 1771, Hackettstown, N. J., m. Mary Clark, daughter of John and Mary Clark of Orange County, Va., Dec. 10, 1793. They were the parents of five children: 1. John Clark Wells; 2. Nancy Ann Wells; 3. Fontaine Maury Wells; 4. Mary Jane Wells; 5. Fleming Wells.

The wife of Thomas Wells, Jr., died July 1, 1809, and he married 2nd, Wilhelmina Louisa Godfrey, in 1812. Their children were: Josephine Wells; Edward Wells; and Richard Wells.

The Thomas Wells home at one time was an 806-acre farm on Ivy Creek, south of the present Ivy Depot, Va. A mill on Ivy Creek is still known as "Wells Mill."

Generation 5

John Clark Wells, eldest son of Thomas Wells and Mary Clark, b. Oct. 7, 1794, at "Eden's Spring" near Fredericksburg, Va. He married Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether, in 1818. (Elizabeth Meriwether was the daughter of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas.)

John Clark Wells served in the war of 1812. A silver cup now in the possession of a great-great-grandson, bears this inscription:

Major George M. Brooke, 23rd Infantry,
to Lt. John Clark Wells, 5th Infantry
A tribute to friendship.

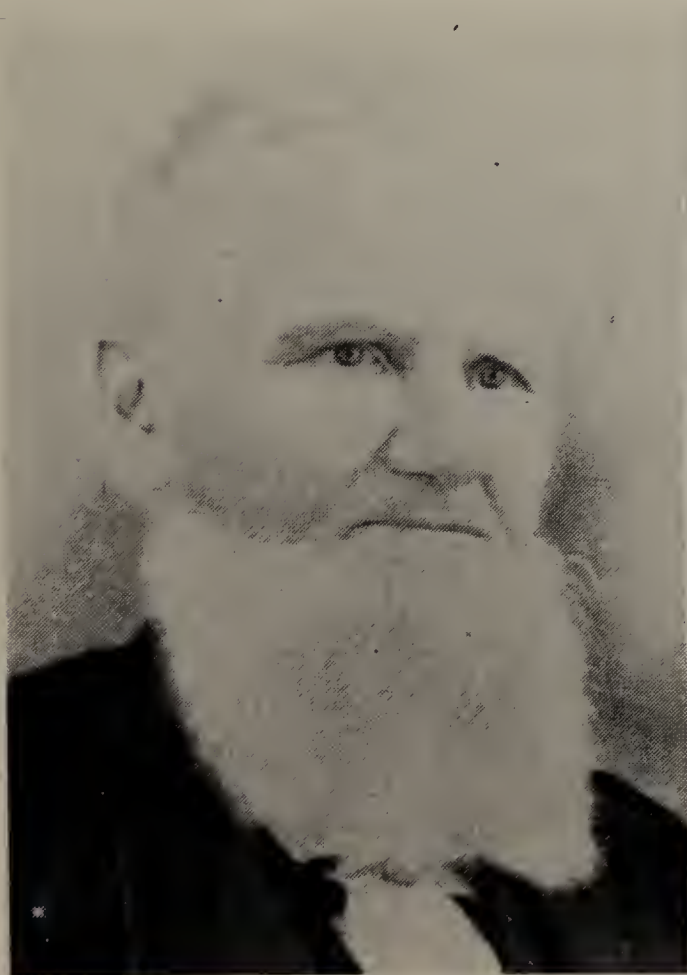
The home of John and Elizabeth Wells was near Charlottesville, Va., where he died May 28, 1837, and was buried in the Lewis family cemetery. His widow and her family of nine children came to Missouri in the fall of 1837. Other relatives came also at this time, and many had come at an earlier date.

They settled on part of the land owned by her mother, Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis, in north Lincoln County, a few miles



LYDIA LAURIE WELLS

(Wife of Charles Meriwether. She was a daughter of Elizabeth Lewis and John Wells, and a granddaughter of Thomas Walker Lewis and Elizabeth Meriwether.)

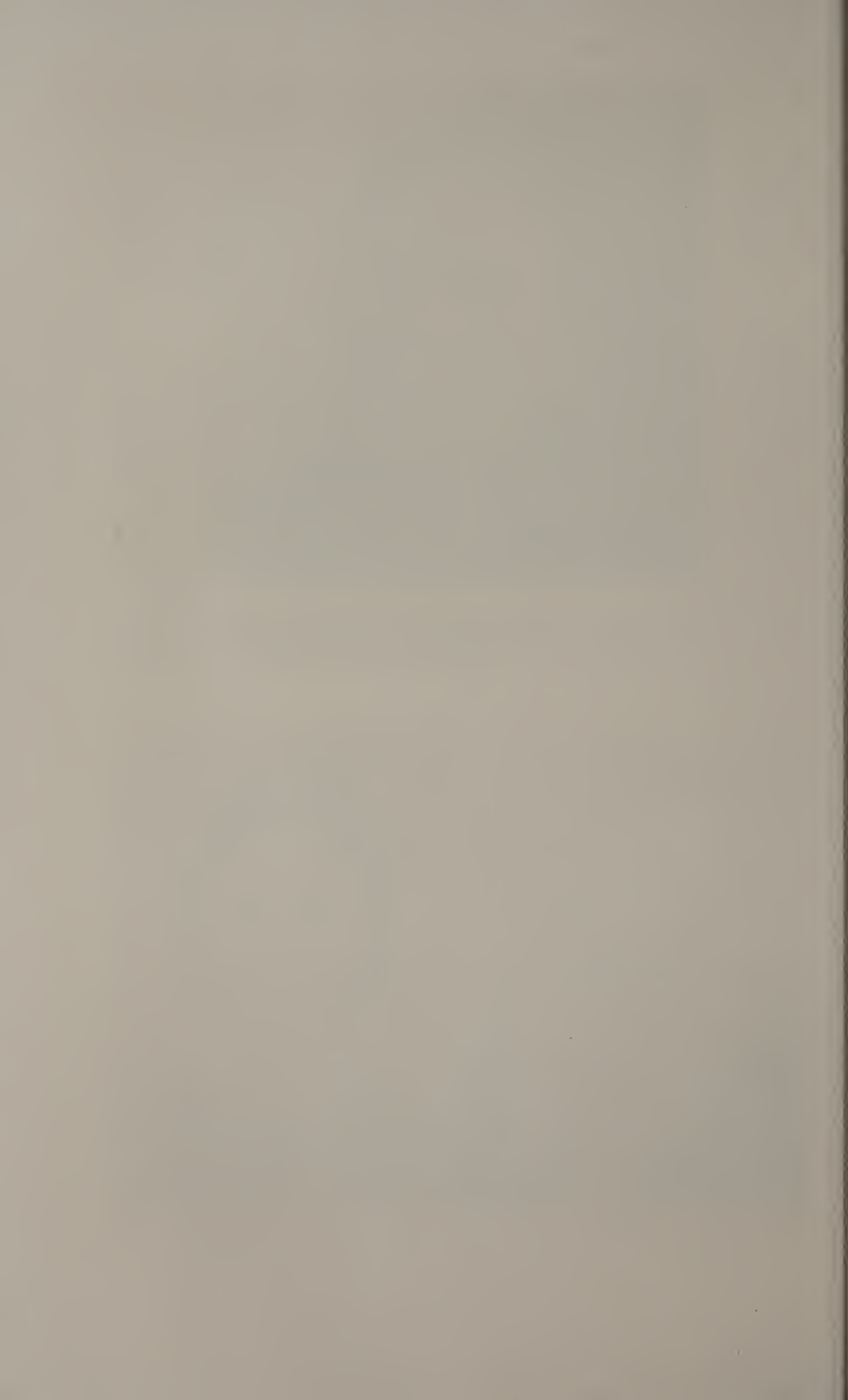


DR. FREDERICK GILMER



SARAH J. LOVING

(Wife of Dr. Frederick Gilmer.)



south of Eolia, Missouri, where she died Nov. 1851, and was buried in the family cemetery, "Elmwood."

Tax receipts handed down from one generation to the next show that Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Lewis paid taxes on 900 acres of land for the year 1839 amounting to \$2.50, with a gradual increase to \$29.38 for the year 1855.

Generation 6

Sons and daughters of John and Elizabeth Wells:

1. Thomas Lewis Wells, b. May 18, 1819, d. June 4, 1849, near Fort Henry, on the way to California.
2. George Nicholas Wells, b. Nov. 4, 1821, was killed by lightning in Pike County, Mo., Nov. 14, 1859. Unmarried.
3. Henry Fontaine Wells, b. Jan. 11, 1824, d. July 21, 1908. Married Harriet Emeline Gilmer, Feb. 25, 1851.
4. Bettie Meriwether Wells, b. Dec. 29, 1826, d. Aug. 20, 1847. Unmarried.
5. John Clark Wells, b. Jan. 15, 1828, d. Nov. 4, 1854. Unmarried.
6. Ann Wells, b. Feb. 23, 1830, d. March 26, 1852. Married George D. Meriwether. No issue.
7. Jane Wells, b. Dec. 13, 1831, d. April 28, 1855. Unmarried.
8. Lydia Laurie Wells, b. June 8, 1834, d. March 2, 1921. Married Charles J. Meriwether, Nov. 3, 1852. (See Meriwether record in this book for issue.)
9. Alice Wells, b. June 6, 1836, d. infancy.

Issue of Henry Fontaine Wells and Harriet Emeline Gilmer, (b. Sept. 21, 1833, d. Aug. 10, 1910), nine children:

Generation 7

1. John Gilmer Wells, b. Sept. 14, 1853, d. Sept. 7, 1878.
2. Henry Harvey Wells, b. Feb. 18, 1855, d. Feb. 5, 1935.
3. Edwin Wells, b. Feb. 25, 1857, d. infancy.
4. Thomas Lewis Wells, b. July 16, 1858, d. July 15, 1948.
5. Frederick G. Wells, b. Jan. 15, 1860, d. infancy.
6. Charles M. Wells, b. June 20, 1862, d. Jan. 21, 1948.
7. Sarah Jane Wells, b. Sept. 8, 1867, d. Nov. 16, 1942.
8. William Loving Wells, b. Feb. 27, 1870, d. April 6, 1925.
9. Overton Browder Wells, b. Aug. 22, 1871; living at Troy, Mo.

The Henry Wells home near New Hope, Lincoln County, was called "Cedar Grove," where they lived their entire married life.

HENRY HARVEY WELLS FAMILY

Issue of Henry Harvey Wells and Lucy Agnes Reid. They were married Nov. 9, 1876, and she died June 10, 1897. They had two children:

1. Annie Laurie Wells, b. Nov. 6, 1877. She married John Franklin Miller, Sept. 19, 1900. No issue.
2. Hattie Ardenia Wells, b. April 24, 1881. She married H. Stanley Miller, June 14, 1905. Issue, three children:

Stanley Robinson Miller, b. Sept. 23, 1907. He married Mary Alice Long, Aug. 2, 1928, and they have one daughter: Roberta Susan Miller, b. Jan. 1, 1938.

Charles Franklin Miller, b. Oct. 23, 1909, who served his country in World War II. He was married to Elsie May Morris, Jan. 10, 1942. No issue.

Lucy Reid Miller, b. July 8, 1918. She married Thomas William Burks, Nov. 24, 1944. They have two daughters, twins, Judith and Geraldine Burks, b. Dec. 9, 1947.

After the death of his wife Lucy Agnes Reid, Henry Harvey Wells married 2nd, Blanche C. Murphy, Jan. 27, 1906. There was one daughter of this marriage:

3. Elizabeth Lelia Emeline Wells, born June 23, 1907. She was married to Lowell Clinton Starbuck, June 27, 1925. Issue, four children:

Bettie Jane Starbuck, b. May 25, 1926. She married Albert Gerald Emshouser, July 1, 1949.

Lowell Robert Starbuck, b. Feb. 8, 1935.

Audrey Yvonne Starbuck, b. Aug. 2, 1936.

William Harvey Starbuck, b. Dec. 7, 1937.

CHARLES M. WELLS FAMILY

Issue of Charles Meriwether Wells and Mary Elizabeth Miller. They were married March 21, 1886. Issue, two children:

1. Lela Douglas Wells, b. Dec. 27, 1886. She married Fountain A. Henry, Dec. 10, 1910. Issue, two children:

Robert Clark Henry, b. May 18, 1914. He served his country in World War II in Newfoundland. He was married to Margaret Lee Jamieson, Dec. 16, 1936. No issue.

William Fountain Henry, b. Sept. 9, 1923. He served his country in World War II in the South Pacific. He was married to Kathryn Williams, March 18, 1943. Issue: William Fountain Henry, Jr., b. Nov. 20, 1948.

2. Charles Otis Wells, b. Oct. 5, 1889. He married Florence Ada Gobel, June 5, 1913. Issue, two children:

Ruth Eleanora Wells, b. Nov. 1, 1915. She married Floyd McCoy, who served in World War II, July 23, 1937. They have two children: Sandra Lee McCoy, b. July 16, 1940; and Terry Wayne McCoy, b. Aug. 11, 1945.

Charles Otis Wells, b. July 13, 1919. He became a Major in World War II. He was married to Ethel Marie Anderson, Jan. 31, 1942. Issue, three children: Karen Denise Wells, b. May 31, 1944; Dennis Geoffry Wells, b. June 1, 1949; and Sharon JoAnn Wells, b. Oct. 20, 1950.

Major Wells enlisted in Air Service, Sept. 3, 1941, and holds the following medals for distinguished service: Air Medal, American Defense Theatre of Operation, American Theatre of Operation, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic Pacific with Bronze Star, and General Cannon's commendation for monitoring and work on Polar Training Book for the Air Training Command, U. S. Air Force. He spent three months in England in line of duty in 1950 and is there for another three months in 1951.

SARAH JANE WELLS

Sarah Jane Wells, Generation 7, only daughter of Henry Fontaine Wells, and Harriet Emeline Gilmer Wells, was married Feb. 10, 1925, to Henry W. Nelson. She died Nov. 16, 1942. Henry W. Nelson died Sept. 13, 1936. No issue.

WILLIAM LOVING WELLS FAMILY

Issue of William Loving Wells and Elizabeth Cook. They were married Jan. 8, 1902. Issue, eight children:

1. Louanna Alberta Wells, b. Dec. 11, 1902. She was married to Orvel Harrell, April 20, 1924. No issue. She died Aug. 30, 1945.
2. Elizabeth Loving Wells, b. Dec. 23, 1904. She was married to Jesse L. Schuster, April 24, 1926. He died Nov. 7, 1935. She married 2nd, Richard Maddox, Nov. 17, 1945. No issue.

3. Harriet Gilmer Wells, b. Aug. 11, 1907. She was married to Stanley B. Nicholson, March 28, 1932. Issue, one child: Donald Duane Nicholson, b. March 2, 1938.
4. Henry Fountain Wells, b. July 27, 1909. He was married to Isabel Williams, April 8, 1928. Issue, three children:
Henry Fountain Wells, b. Feb. 5, 1933.
Dorothy Anna Wells, b. Nov. 7, 1934.
Mary Elizabeth Wells, b. Nov. 26, 1935.
5. Etta Loucile Wells, b. Oct. 20, 1911. She married 1st, Bounds Brown, May 16, 1931. They had one child:
Virginia Sue Brown, b. Oct. 10, 1932, and she married William Brinkley, April 10 1951.
(Etta Loucile Wells Brown married 2nd, Joseph N. Wasson, Oct. 2, 1945.)
6. Mary Isabel Wells, b. Aug. 18, 1915. She married Lawrence M. Northcut, Sept. 24, 1937. He died May 11, 1950. They had one child: Mary Beth Northcut, b. Jan. 4, 1944.
7. William Lewis Wells, b. June 25, 1918. He married Mrs. Dorothy Pierce Frakes, Aug. 16, 1946. They have two children:
Warren Lewis Wells, b. Aug. 26, 1947.
Jannifer Sue Frakes, step-daughter, b. Jan. 7, 1941. Adopted Dec. 1946.
8. Laura Miller Wells, b. July 30, 1920. She married Clarence Hudson, Oct. 25, 1941. No issue.

OVERTON BROWDER WELLS FAMILY

Overton Browder Wells, Generation 7, married Louise Alexander. They have two children:

1. Sarah Emeline Wells, b. July 17, 1899.
2. Virginia Alexander Wells, b. March 24, 1907.

Overton Browder Wells lives in Troy, Missouri. (1951).

DR. FREDERICK GEORGE GILMER RECORD

The earliest record of Dr. Gilmer's ancestors dates back to Craigmiller Castle in Scotland in 1374. The first in this country was Dr. George Gilmer of London, England. He was a native of Scotland, graduated from the University of Edinburgh. He married a daughter of Dr. Ridgeway, who died within the year of their marriage. Dr. Gilmer came to Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1731, where he practiced medicine. He married Mary Peachy Walker, May 12, 1732, sister of Dr. Thomas Walker of Albemarle County, Virginia. They had two sons, Peachy Ridgeway Gilmer and Dr. George Gilmer. Mary Peachy Gilmer died in 1745 and Dr. Gilmer married Miss Harrison Blair, sister of Hon. John Blair, president of Virginia Council. They had two sons, John and William, the last dying in infancy.

Peachy Ridgeway Gilmer(2), married Mary Meriwether, daughter of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton. Their eldest son married Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Thomas Lewis and Jane Strother and they lived in Georgia. Their son, George Rockingham Gilmer, became governor of Georgia in 1829.

Dr. George Gilmer(2) studied at William and Mary College, and graduated from the University of Edinburgh. He married his first cousin, Lucy Walker, daughter of Dr. Thomas Walker and Mrs. Mildred Thornton Meriwether. Their home was "Pen Park," Albemarle County, Virginia.

John Gilmer(2) was born April 26, 1748, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Married in 1771, Mildred Meriwether, daughter of Thomas Meriwether and Elizabeth Thornton. (His half-brother, Peachy Gilmer, had married her sister Mary.) Thomas Meriwether was a son of David Meriwether and Anne Holmes and grandson of Nicholas Meriwether who came to America in 1667.

Issue of John Gilmer(2) and Mildred Meriwether: 1. Dr. John Thornton Gilmer who married Martha Gaines Harvie; 2. Nicholas Meriwether Gilmer who married Amelia Clark; 3. George Oglethorpe Gilmer who married Martha Harvie Johnson; 4. Francis Meriwether Gilmer who married Martha Jamison Barnett; 5. David Harvie Gilmer who married Virginia Clark; 6. Elizabeth Thornton Gilmer who married Thomas Magehee; 7. Sarah Lewis Gilmer who married Birkenhead Taliaferro; and 8. Harrison Blair Gilmer who married a daughter of Rev. David Christian.

Issue of Dr. John Thornton Gilmer(3) born in Amherst County, Va., Feb. 20, 1774, and his wife Martha Gaines Harvie, seven children: 1. Lucy Walker Gilmer; 2. Dr. Frederick George Gilmer, married Sarah Jane Loving; 3. Thornton Gilmer, married Lydia Barker; 4. Peachy Ridgeway Gilmer, married Miss Dooley; 5. Daniel Harvie Gilmer, married Louisa Quimby; 6. Sallie Taliaferro Gilmer, married first a Mr. Capps, second Mr. Gray; 7. Charles Meriwether Gilmer, married Mary Ann Ratliffe. They moved to Illinois, near Quincy, where they raised a large family.

Dr. Frederick George Gilmer(4), the subject of this sketch, the eldest son of Dr. John Thornton Gilmer(3) and Martha Gaines Harvie. Born in Wilkes County, Georgia, March 11, 1806, he moved with his parents to Christian County, Kentucky when quite young. He graduated in Medicine from Transylvania University, and began the practice of his profession in Russellville, Ky. On January 2, 1830, he married Sarah Jane Loving. She was born in Virginia, August 20, 1808. After a few years they moved to Lewiston, Fulton County, Illinois. In 1841 he purchased land near New Hope, Lincoln County, Missouri, where he moved his family and continued the practice of medicine for thirty years. He died December 24, 1871. His wife died December 23, 1864.

Issue of Dr. Frederick G. Gilmer and Sarah Jane Loving, eight children: 1. Sarah Harvie Gilmer, b. April 7, 1831, d. August 20, 1858, unmarried; 2. Harriet Emeline Gilmer, b. September 21, 1833; married Henry F. Wells, February 25, 1851; 3. Isabella J. Gilmer, b. May 14, 1835; married June 13, 1861, Thomas Walker Lewis; 4. Elberta B. Gilmer, b. February 1, 1838; married November 10, 1867, George O. Hamilton; 5. Mildred Taliaferro Gilmer, b. June 30, 1840; married October 10, 1870, Charles S. Cox; 6. William Loving Gilmer, b. August 28, 1842; married 1st, Mary Russ; married 2nd,; 7. Annie Marie Gilmer, b. April 17, 1845; married Samuel Overton Eastin in 1866; 8. Thomas Lewis Gilmer, b. February 17, 1849; married Ella M. Bostwick, September 29, 1868.

For issue of Harriet Emeline Gilmer(5), and Henry F. Wells, married February 25, 1851, see Wells history for her family record.

Issue of Isabella J. Gilmer(5) and Thomas Walker Lewis, married June 13, 1861; four children: 1. Henry Gilmer Lewis, b. 1864, d. 1942, married Clara Conyers, no issue; 2. Annie L. Lewis,

b. 1866, d. 1867; 3. William Meriwether Lewis, b. 1868, d. 1949, married Mary Belle Rann, no issue; 4. Mary Alice Lewis, b. 1871, married William E. Gale, no issue.

RECORD OF ELBERTA B. GILMER AND GEORGE O. HAMILTON

Elberta B. Gilmer(5), b. Feb. 1, 1838, d. April 13, 1899, married George Osbert Hamilton (b. 1832), on Nov. 10, 1867. They were the parents of five children, one of whom, Hattie, died young. Following are the records of their four children:

1. Frederick A. Hamilton, b. Jan. 7, 1871, d. Dec. 4, 1940. He married Alice D. Block (daughter of Henry and Alice Virginia Meriwether Block ("Cousin Allie") of "Aberdeen," in April 1898. They had one daughter, Alice Block Hamilton, b. June 1, 1899 and she is married to Philip Clinton Sterry. For continuation of record, see Meriwether Family Record in this book.
2. George Alva Hamilton, b. Aug. 25, 1872, d. May 17, 1943, married Eloise E. Goodman, Feb. 25, 1904. They had two children, one of whom, Jenny Elberta Hamilton, died young. Their first child, George Osbert Hamilton, b. Feb. 21, 1905 is unmarried, and lives in Dallas, Texas. He and Alice Block Hamilton (Mrs. Sterry) are first cousins.
3. Annie T. Hamilton, b. Oct 24, 1874, d. June 29, 1949, married Berry Moore, Oct. 11, 1897. They had two children: 1. Mary G. Moore, b. Sept. 3, 1898, and she married Wyman Crow of St. Louis. They have two children, Charlotte Ann and Mary Gay Crow; 2. Barber Hamilton Moore, b. Dec. 13, 1900, married to Margaret Brooks, no issue.
4. Lucy E. Hamilton, b. Oct. 9, 1879, married to George Nelson, Oct. 18, 1905. They were the parents of two children: 1. Elberta G. Nelson, b. 1907, d. 1914; 2. Thomas H. Nelson, b. May 17, 1916, unmarried. Died July 1951.

RECORD OF OTHER CHILDREN OF
DR. FREDERICK G. GILMER AND SARAH JANE LOVING

Mildred Taliaferro Gilmer(5), m. Charles S. Cox, October 10, 1870. Issue one son William Cox, who died without issue.

William Loving Gilmer(5), m. 1st, Mary Russ, no issue; married 2nd, Issue, two children: 1. Mabel Gilmer, who married Lane Addison and they have two children: Gilmer Addison, and Loucile Addison; 2. William Gilmer.

Dr. Thomas Lewis Gilmer(5), m. Ella M. Bostwick, Sept. 29, 1868. Issue, Sarah Virginia Gilmer, born 1869, married Dr. William V. P. Ames, died without issue. Dr. Thomas L. Gilmer(5) was born in Lincoln County, Missouri in 1849. He had a long and distinguished career in teaching, writing, and practice of medicine. At the time of his death in 1931 he was dean emeritus of the Northwestern University Dental School, and Oral Surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, since 1892.

The “Parson” Douglas Letters

[We are indebted to Mrs. Marie Naxera Meriwether of Louisiana, Missouri for permission to copy from the originals the following letters of Parson William Douglas to his daughter, Margaret (“Peggy”) Meriwether. The letters cover a time span of about seven years—the first of them being written about 1786 and the last in 1791. For those unfamiliar with the general content it should be stated that after the death of his wife (nee Miss Nicholas Hunter) in 1781, Parson Douglas married a second time, Elizabeth Burruss. She was 47 years his junior and from the letters it is evident that she had some family—whether she was a widow with children is not certain, but at least she seems to have had some relatives living with her. She had been for some years, after the death of his wife, the housekeeper for the Parson and attention is called to the fact that his daughter had tried to dissuade him from marrying a second time. He was 77 years of age at the time of his second marriage. It is a tribute to his sense of fairness that he records the general good qualities of his second wife, even though complaining of not being able to help his grandchildren in a financial way, especially “poor Charlie.” His loyalty to these Meriwether grandchildren is abundantly evident in the letters printed here.—N.H.M.]

Every effort, typographically, has been made to preserve for the reader the spelling, punctuation, and the method of abbreviation in use during the years that these letters were written. Particular attention is called to the use of “raised” or “superior” letters, showing an ellipsis of various letters within a word, and also the use of “y” for “th.” The letters are reproduced in complete fidelity to the originals.

THE LETTERS

1.

[Date: about 1786]

My dear Daughter:

I am not able to ride about & visit my relations & intimates, as once I have been, & indeed it is this cool morning that makes me capable so much as to subscribe my name. All my natural powers, both of body & mind, are much weakened, & I have sensible warnings that my remaining days are but few, & as my whole exercise now can only

be about past times & future prospects, & warning others from serious experience; I pray God may lead me honestly to improve it. You had an incomparable Mother for parson, every virtue & piety; she went to heaven, & left me Guardian for our dear & excellent children; but when I consider how I have discharged my trust, I cannot put up w^t myself, defrauded my fatherless orphans, & widow condemned a slave to a large family of white & black; in which estate my own have ye least share; whereas I might have got clear of the world, lived a freeman in my daughters family, been a chaplain to keep our fathers religions—practice in her house; & now, taught her little son to read. These omissions now greatly trouble me, day & night; & disquiet my night reflections & make my life uneasy. I know you can forgive me, but will God forgive me; yes, I will trust in him. He is infinite in mercy.

But do not think I reflect on my present Betty. She is smart, religious, & kind to me, above many. No, I will acknowledge her worth. But she knows to provide & take care of herself.—As to poor Charlie—Oh what shall I say; it vexes, it vexes me, I thought my self once able to afford him even 1000£ but when craving but necessaries to relieve his straits; how have I found my self deceived; by ye greatest villains in the world! I could not once believe there were such villains in ye world as I, to my sad experience, have found. I have spoke his case to Billie Douglas & hope he & his Brother will not see him in a strait—I have a letter from Pat: Laurie, another from Mr. Graham, Min^r of Kirkmere near Wigton, another from Mr. Cameron, Min^r of Petersburg, w^c I want to let you see they are all large, & remarkably kind letters, but both hand & Judgment unfit me to answer them. Oh, how sorry I was, you could not see Billie Douglas! He not only excels in worldly riches, but in Christian sympathy, prudence, & suitable behaviour; as you could wish, he left you a fine Cannister of tea, now sent you. I am not yet easy for so soon parting with him. But I hope to meet his father & all his children, my cousins, in Heaven. . . . Will Douglas

2.

[1786]

Very dear Daughter:

The letters I sent of your friends at home to appraise you, you'll please return by ye Bearer, y^t I may return proper answers, they are memorandums of our old dear & bosom friends, very few of whom now remain, who are but as stragling apples here & there on a shaken *tree*.

We are fast following. O: to be ready: & as we have often joined w^t you in singing our great Creators praises here: to be admitted to join in ye Hallelujahs in heaven. I fast decline every day; my natural powers are much impaired, & am good for nothing but seriously consider ye present not old times, & seriously adore ye infinitely wise & good director of both, & trust on his promise Ps: 3:10. Say ye to ye righteous, y^t it shall be well w^t him. O remember your great Moyr^r, ye religious family of Crawfordton Mains. Excellent kind Mr. Moodie, &c: &c: &c: good people of Glencairn, now in heaven, & go you & do likewise. Nickie has got a very good girl, took up their own house yesterday, but seems to bee too dull & thoughtfull. I do not like it in so young a man, & am affraid he be not long lived. He has got a good beginning. May God give them both his blessing. Time & paper both fail me & I can only say I seriously am w^t good wishes from my Betty & us all. Your most affectionate father—Will Douglas.

3.

[1786]

Dear Peggie

Every thing is not as they were nor as I could wish them to be, & wholly my fault; but thank God, vastly better than we deserve. Thomie has I hope, got a good girl, has been brought up in an industrious thriving frugal family, they have as to the world, a good beginning. If they do not improve it, they must abide the consequence, but if they do, no fear of them, they may do well. They shall be welcome here, till they get a house in the Spring, if they affect not a great retinue. Old Mrs. Tyrrel, on the road, died last Friday; I by much declining every day, expect soon to follow. O: may God make me ready. I have much more to say, but a shaking hand, & the bearer hastens. Only mind God, your old Worthies in Glencairn, imitate them as far as you can, in heart, if you cannot outwardly, come & see me if you can, & believe me your loving & penitent, though unjust father.

Will Douglas

4.

[1787]

My dear Peggie:

We expected you with Mr. Lewis & his wife on Thursday last week; & Billie Douglas with a most charming young wife stayed for

you, 2 days expecting you, longer than his set time—but as we imagine, your love of home & sowing of wheat, with your ill usage by me, may have cooled your concern here, which with no little trouble I reflect upon, no wonder you are such a stranger. But to mend matters as well as we can, if you incline to stay at home, I shall endeavour to reach your house within a fourthnight or so & spend a fourthnight with you and my other dear friends to think & see if we can contrive for good Charlie for whose advancement, nothing is too much. Oh Daughter, how far have I failed—can I be forgiven either by God or man. My only plea is mercy, & great mercy I need.

I have much more to say, but propose coming up to you very soon, to talk more freely, & to the purpose. Commonly I can scarce sign my name, but this cold morning has helped me to write so much. Oh Peggy I forget not your old Scots friends. their religious practices, among all ye various sects here, none better in my opinion. You have Mr. Murray & Mr. Waddell—both Gospel preachers & good men, attend their instructions & mind your own duty at home. With my love to all friends I am Dearest Peggie Your most loving father—

Will Douglas

5.

[1787]

Dear Daughter:

I am very glad to see my dear young friends met here in such promising circumstances, & would be still gladder had you with Chiles, Thomie & Jamie been with them but let us be thankfull y^t it is as is. The old families of our forefathers are, I hope, singing ye praises of God in heaven, in which they were punctual while here: which their descendants should now forget to make each of y^r houses—houses of prayer. Ps: 20.5. In ye name of y^r God set up your banners. I mean, found your families. Either your forefathers must have been mistaken in observing family worship or such as do not.

Oh Peggie, what a pity, that when I left Goochland, without [. . .] myself or family, I could have sent 2 of your boys for y^r education to Scotland with 600£ to each of them, which I thought in good hands y^t I could depend upon. & now I have met w^t so many villains, Rogues & cheats, y^t I am afraid I can hardly help poor Charlie, tho' mighty willing & he mighty deserving, for I am quite without money, & they y^t owe me will not pay. Besides Clark had in

last court got a judgment against me for 55 £ for repairs to Goochland Glebe 12 years agoe. Scandalous, cruel Robbery.

I intended Frank would have brought back the letters I sent you to read & return, pray do not spoil them but return them to me quickly by a sure hand that I may return proper answers to these kind & friendly Galloway ministers. I fail very fast, & my days, I expect, are but few. O: to be ready, for this world is no pleasure to me now, but the reverse. The household furniture here mostly belongs to your family when I am gone. Keep your right. I shall not alienate it. God bless you all. I am your well wishing father—Will Douglas

6.

Louisa dec. 27, 1788

Oh Peggie, Peggie!

Even you, & much more I, have seen many of ye blessings & troubles of this world, but under all, both may say from ye heart: He hath dealt w^t us better than we deserved, & it is in mercy y^t we are not consumed. Oh be thankfull, improve sparing mercies, & forget not ye religious practice of your ever memorable way of your non-such Mother, & her & my now glorified ancestors in heaven. I fast decline, & my hearing, sight, memory, strength, & activity, & every natural capacity fast wears out, & tho' I have hitherto orderly preached to a large congregation at Trinity, & rode good lengths to oblige some friends, yet I have greatly suffered by it, & can do so no longer.

I would gladly see you, & miss you much to join w^t me in singing ye praises of God, now shamefully neglected here & with you. Your Scots friends letters I keep for you. My kind respects to Messrs. Walker & Spouse, Mr. Alcox & his sweetheart, & wishing ye divine blessing w^t many happy Christmases to you, & all yours, I ever, am Dear Daughter, your affectionate Father—Will Douglas

7.

Louisa Mar: 18, 1789

My very dear Daughter

No doubt you have heard before now of ye most unnatural, unjust, cruel & unchristian prosecution of Frank Clark deputy from ye parish of Goochland for ye repairs of ye Glebe in ye year of 1774, out of w^c the vestry voted me against ye laws both of God & man, & against ye goodwill of almost ye whole parish; as severals of ye then vestry have

given under their hands. But, oh! g^t corruption in ye world! It was always too bad, but now worse than ever. Perjury, fraud, cheating, deceit, nay even murder, & oppression, never were so notorious in a professing Christian country. How vastly altered from what it was when you w^t your Mammie & I first came to it? Your Mammie is now in heaven and my great decline of late tells me I shall not be much longer behind her. & if I were assured of getting in w^t her, w^t your Grandfathers, your uncles & aunts, the sooner the better. Who could have thought y^t an old minister so acceptable in his day, would have been so harassed & persecuted by y^t very people w^t whom he had so often joined in solemn addresses to y^r common Sovereign Lord; for a trifle of worldly concerns? They acknowledge y^mselves to owe ye debt & not he. But I have another more serious thing to tell you. I am afraid, too little religion is in your family, though brought up in a family where it was never neglected morning nor evening; & indeed, dear Daughter, I am afraid, there is too little religion in mine; though I must confess I have got a girl, or call her a wife, who shows so much zeal, for family prayers as surprises me & no wife could be kinder to my children & me.

O! my Daughter, I have been indolent in writing to you, but how vastly momentous concerns ly between us? I look every day for my last. But what a charge I have to answer for? By all means set up ye worship of God in your family, & let your children & neighbours learn it from yours, & if you & I can meet personally so seldom, let us daily meet at ye throne of grace. I have had special advantages above many—What a reckoning have I to make! I have been spared long, & can now Seal it, y^t honesty is ye best policy, & Wisdom's ways are ye only ways of pleasantness, & her paths ye only paths of peace. Frank Clark having appealed to ye District Court of Charlottesville to meet Apr: 15 will oblige me if able to be there. I beg ye favour of my nephew Billie to take a ride to Doctor Walkers & engage his son as attorney for me, & likewise Mr. Burley. This will oblige me much. I wish you all God's blessing & am Dear Daughter your loving father.

Will Douglas

8.

Louisa, Aug. 1, 1789

My very dear Daughter:

Though I cannot take anything from honest Thomie for nothing, & my present circumstances cannot afford me to lay in so much Spirits at once, nor can all ye artificial Spirits in ye world make up

ye loss of those old age has taken from me, yet as he sells y^m at 2/5. I hope to advance y^t; Mr. Chiles & Billie will get you securely put up, & send ye fellow off on Monday morning. We want much ye horse & sadle Negroe Charles took up. Send y^m without fail w^t ye cart. I thank God, though I am much failed, & decline fast every day, yet have been more easy these 3 days past than I have been these 3 months & if able expect will be obliged to visit you at y^t scandalous suit. I am now from experience fully sensible of many mismanagements & bad conduct I have been guilty of, & it is too late now to redress. May God & my friends forgive me! I am far from being infallible. O: to be sure of one thing needfull! You & I have many dear relations in heaven, with whom we spent many years comfortably on earth, & we must soon follow, let us strive to get w^t y^m in heaven. All your sons are blameless youths. Wishing you ye richest of divine grace I can only add my blessings—Will Douglas

I have not been capable to write so much as I have done this morning in letter I do not know when by a shaking hand. You'll say, the old man's brandie is done, when you see the writ. Indeed it is true for I have none, but have sent you a bottle, so put your best in it.

9.

Aug: 21, 1789

Dear Daughter

I am sometimes easy, but very frail, & incapable of doing any thing to purpose, by ye failure of all my natural powers; w^c incapacitate me for any service in this world, & now makes me sensibly feel my folly, & disappointment, in continuing upon me ye charge of a family, I had no use for, nor was capable to bear ye burden of, in any respect, though I am now forced to it, by my own mismanagement. Bettie is indeed kind to me beyond expectations; but it is a good advice, 2 Cor: 6.14: Be not unequally yoked.

My great concern is, next to my own peace w^t God, for Charlie, Thomie, & Frankie, all fine youths as ever were; & y^t by my mismanagement & ye roguery of those I trusted so much to, I have rendered myself incapable to do y^t service I once was. But the same kind providence y^t provided so wonderfully for your Moy^r & me far beyond expectation, will surely provide for such good boys. Let us not despair, but trust. I want to give Frankie a full furnished beg, (bed) he may sleep on in winter nights, contrive how to get it to him. Goochland

Glebe affair troubles me much,—such a scandalous affair never was heard of. Your Aunt Janet died feb: last, & Auchenchain in May last, both much above 80. It grieves me I can get no ready money for Charlie, but every thing I can contrive or do for him, shall be done; either by deed or credit. The boy must return tomorrow w^tout fail. Bettie sends her love to you, & says Charlie's shirts are all done. My dearest respects to Chiles &c: & am yours to power.—Will Douglas

P.S. Nickie has ye best prospect of an estate in ye neighbourhood. I want Thomie directly.

10.

Louisa Apr: 12, 1790

Dear Daughter

I am now old and good for nothing, and reflect with sorrow on ye ill usage I have given you, my children, & myself, in allowing such a mean rabble to intromete with what providence had so kindly favoured my family with, which if well managed might have made us all as happy as ye world could have done; but thro' folly has forced me to be a slave to oversee & provide for a great family, & all ye idle vagrants who want to trouble us & whom we have no business with. But I cannot help it now.

I expected to have been able to have spent 8 or 10 days with you on my way to ye districk, but have declined so fast in every respect of late, as I am not now the same man; nor can I ride 3 miles w^tout great pain, & expect my time will be short. I can be no further usefull in this world. O! may a good God fit me for ye work of another!—As to that scandalous, unjust, unchristian, & inhuman suit of Goochland with their substitute Clark against y^r old Min^r, the world cannot paralel it. They only desired me to speak to a man to do the work but not to engage to pay for it. And swear it who will, I never did. And only the same laws that hanged, drowned, beheaded, shot, fined, & banished ye best of people can authorize any Court to charge with y^t debt. But they chearfully gave up their lives; & why should it trouble me to give up a trifle? I am very much concerned for poor Charlie now among strangers. He is an excellent youth, as are all your children, thank God. & I have no doubt but they will all do well but giving so much credit to rogues & villains in this country has put it out of my power to do what I was once able & ought to do for y^m. I am now old & you are not young, our noble friends are gone before us. This is at best but a troublesome world like ye wilderness to ye Israelites,

but y^r is a Canaan before us into w^c many of our dear old friends have long entered. O! let us daily strive, & let it be ye top of our ambition to get w^t y^m, & trust in him who led ye Israelites, to lead us. I lament now among other things, being deprived of ye pleasure I might have had in teaching Jamie to read, & having you to join with me in sweatning the musick in family prayers, had I boarded w^t you, while now I have none to help me. All these things I must bear, tho' they now fret me. You have now two very good ministers to preach to you, Mr. Murray & Mr. Waddell & I commend you to countenance both. They both teach ye essential doctrine of ye Bible, faith & repentance, & matters of indifference are meer formality, will not justify us to forsake christian societies, whilst there is nothing taught there inconsistent with ye doctrines of ye Bible. I have got no letters from home for a long time. My correspondents are all dead, & young folks think me not worth their while. My kindest wishes to Mr. Chiles, Capt Alcox, not forgetting little Jamie, I am, dear Peggie, your loving father

Will Douglas

O! Peggie, we have lost almost all our dear friends, let us be thankfull y^t ever we had them, bless God for giving us such agreeable relations & faithfull friends, let us follow them in the path of Christian duty, that we may soon get w^t y^m, & make sure of a friend who will never leave us.

11.

Jul: 23, 1790

Dear Peggie:

I am no more able to come up to see you, & expect by ye symptoms of nature my departure hence cannot be far off yet am concerned for you & yours, & would be glad to see you; but had I been through ye intoxication of old age, I might have been always with you, either here, or where you now are, & had you to join me, in the sweet family prayers of God, as in your Mothers & Grandfathers house at home. But to my sorrow, it is now unhelpable, but by divine mercy & forgiveness. By grace only we can be saved. No other remedy. Thanks to God for that. Your plantation here, is much worsted, to mend it, I leave to you & your disposal, ye plantation I bought from Arnold joining to it partly, & you may have one or two young Negroes, which we may want. You may have Arnolds, & Minors Deeds upon demand. This world now can give me no pleasure. I have lost my hearing,

memory, & much of my sight, & am almost an useless burthen to myself & my friends & long to be with my once dear & incomparable Nickie, & her numerous Glencairn friends, for w^c I wait Gods time, & trust in his abounding & free mercy. The cool of this morning has helped me to scribble few lines, tho' commonly I cannot subscribe my name. The thoughts of poor Charlie makes me very uneasy least his money should fail him in a strange expensive place. I have wrote to his relations in Galloway to mind him, & to him to visit them, but I have learned from Jer. 9.4 Trust ye not in a friend, & Mec: 7.5. But no confidence in a guide, I pray God may bless & make him a shaft in his hand to do him service. I have yet preserved all your Mothers & grandfathers letters, take care of them, & you may use them as a interesting history when I am gone. The whole household things not contained in my will & contract you are to claim & insist for. I want Frankie to come down on Monday. Bettie remembers you kindly, & I am Dear Daughter your most affectionate father, a dear title, but how soon ended.—Will Douglas.

Love to old friends.

12.

May 18. 1791

Very dear Daughter.

I hereby send you a very good letter from your cousin of Orchardton, w^c you must safely return after you & your children having fully perused it. That hurt I got, joined with old age has rendered me so frail & sickly, that I could never yet cross ye door; or leave my room, but w^t difficulty since that happened, & my nights are worse than my days. But with all I have reason to be thankfull & submissive. My only entertainment is w^t my old intimate worthy dead friends in my LibRARY, whose conversation though dead is yet nobly instructive; an chief one of which I send to you & your children for each of you to read it all by turns. I am every day waiting for my change. May God prepare me.

Let me tell you another thing w^c I am conscious of, & has given me great trouble ever since, I mean, my unnatural, cruel, scandalous and unjust usage of you & your children, a sin I can only confess, though cannot fully repair for: a sin by w^c I have not only defrauded you but taken a burden on my back I had no business with, when I might have been ye freest man in ye colony had I taken your advice. But all these reflections land only on myself for Bettie is really a

religious good woman & has been kind to me.—but takes care of her self too, & who would not? I can only say, there is one thing needfull, let us mind that constantly, repent of our sins, & be daily earnest for pardon. When I am gone, w^c will be soon, after paying Bettie our marriage articles, this place, & the stock in it with what furniture was your mothers, justly belongs to you w^c you ought to claim, as Bettie who brought nothing here, has richly flocked herself since, & has no charge, is fully well provided. My hand fails me though I have much more to say, can only add my earnest for the divine blessing to you & yours, & am, Dear Daughter, your loving father—Will Douglas.

A LETTER FROM "POOR CHARLIE"

Below is printed a letter from Charles Meriwether to his grandfather, Parson Douglas, who was immensely proud of him. He is the "poor Charlie" referred to in the letters of the Parson to his daughter, reproduced above. Charlie, as the letter mentions, received his degree as a medical doctor from a prominent university in Edinburgh, Scotland. "Dr. Charles," as he is later to be called, will return from Scotland in 1798, a widower, and will marry, in 1800, Nancy Minor, and after her death, to marry Mrs. Mary Walton Daniel, and they will emigrate to a section bordering on Tennessee and Kentucky. Nearly all the Meriwethers in Tennessee and Kentucky are descended from Dr. Charles Meriwether.

Edinburgh October 13th
1792

Dear Grandfather

Your kind letter of April 16th I received in June last at which time I was much busied in preparing for my graduation. I have since taken out a degree; have therefore finished the intention of my coming to this country and would return immediately if it depended on my inclinations, but I have now got a partner and her inclinations must be consulted as well as my own. We have not determined what plan we shall follow as yet. Mrs. Meriwether has had very bad health for some time past which has prevented our paying a visit to her friends in the country as we intended but we shall go as soon as she regains tolerable health—She intends spending the winter with her friends—what I shall do during the winter I have not yet determined and whether we shall

return to Virginia in the spring is uncertain—both Mrs. Meriwether and her friends are very anxious that I should settle in this country but I am affraid that it is already so overstocked with the profession that there would be little chance to make a livelyhood here, and it is my opinion that a young man should never settle in any place but where he can be certain of making a support for a family.—We lately had the pleasure of Mess^r William and James Douglas's company in this place. Mrs. James Douglas and her daughter Miss Stevinson a fine young lady was with them, they were all in good health and high spirits. They gave us an invitation to spend a few days at Orchardton as we go into Galloway.

Your friends in this country are all very well. Mr. Patrick Laurie Lydia's father died last winter a little after Christmas—his death had been long expected having never recovered of a paralytic stroke which he had about four years ago being perfectly deprived of his senses and with difficulty walking across the room without the assistance of some ones arm. The public news of this part of the world I apprehend will not interest you much, you will long before have heard how the French after the example of the Americans have established a republican government and deposed their King the . . . rage of Liberty seems to be entering this country and there is Clubs established every where and some people are thinking that there will not be a King in England ten years after this. In duty to you and Mrs. Douglas and compliments to all friends, Lydia joins your Dutiful Grandson,

Charles Meriwether

A FINE OBITUARY

Fulsome and eulogistic obituaries were generally accorded the dead during the middle years of the nineteenth century. Indeed, this practice lasted well into the twentieth century, so it is interesting as well as unusual to find an obituary handled with restraint and truthfulness in the year 1861. Below is an account of the death of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether, which occurred April 30, 1861, at Eolia, Missouri. The account was written by an Episcopal rector, W. N. Irish. It speaks well for the firmness of Doctor Meriwether and for the forthrightness of the rector. "May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace"!

Died, at his late residence, near Prairieville, Pike Co., Mo., April 30, 1861, FONTAINE MERIWETHER, M. D., aged about 70 years, formerly of Albemarle Co., Va.

After many years of suffering and infirmity this venerable physician has been removed from this world of sin and sorrow, to another and a better one. His death was immediately due to a severe accident which happened to him some four months since. His long confinement, aggravated other diseases which he had endured with fortitude for a long time.

The parish at Prairieville has been some time vacant, but as I once had charge of the same, and living but a short distance from it since I resigned, it has been my privilege to give them services as I was able. When I first entered on my duties in that parish the spiritual condition of Dr. Meriwether engaged my earnest attention. He was not a professor of religion and I was fearful that as he had lived, so would he die, resting his hopes of salvation upon a mere *morality*. As a man he was all that could be desired; amiable, moral, of an earnest and affectionate disposition, and he freely gave the benefit of his medical knowledge and experience, which were great, to those who were unable to remunerate him. Until the infirmities of old age prevented him, his skill as a physician placed him in the front of his profession and for miles around the people sought his counsel.

While rector at Prairieville I had many solemn conversations with Dr. Meriwether with regard to his soul's eternal interests, and on each occasion left him, with a load upon my heart, saddened with the thought that as far as he was concerned, I had labored in vain. These conversations gave him confidence in me, and I was urged by himself to make him one more visit during a severe illness some fourteen

months since, and even then I was not able to clear his mind, although he was greatly exercised by serious convictions. Recently, however, several persons in that neighborhood, under my past ministry, desiring Baptism and the Lord's Supper; while doing that work I was able to see him once more, when I found to my joy that the Spirit of God had done a good work with him. He was "humble as a little child." His proud heart was subdued by the grace of God. With "due care" I found him sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian religion, and after, as I truly believe, he placed his hope on Christ. I administered to him, with others, the Holy Communion.

I have written the above that not only his large circle of friends in Virginia and Missouri may be comforted with the thought that he died an humble Christian, but that the ministers of Christ may persevere in their work, although to their own view, in many cases, *they seem to labor in vain.*

W. N. I.

[Printed May 5, 1861 in Louisiana, Missouri.]

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I cannot resist using an inscription that appears on a tombstone in Elmwood Cemetery:

*"He awaits the resurrection of the just,
While we sorrow in hope."*

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Genealogical Records of Early Ancestors for Lewis, Meriwether and Minor Families

Below are printed a series of records dealing with various families who are early ancestors of nearly all of the families listed in this book. All of the families listed are ancestors of the three families of Lewis, Meriwether and Minor. A brief history of some of these early ancestors has been attempted, but of necessity no effort has been made to make the record complete, only sufficient data being used to show the link with these families. This record is largely given so that other members of the family may be able to have this information for convenience in continuing their records, or at least making it easier for them to know their connection with families who came to America in the seventeenth century. [I take full responsibility for the records and comments that follow.—NHM.]

VIVIAN or VIVION (Originally Vyvyan)

Vivian is an ancient name. It is asserted that it was brought into England by Roman conquerors, and another branch is in France. The first record we have is of

1. **Sir Richard Vyvyan**, Knight, Burgess for Tregory. His son,
2. **Charles Vyvyan** of Cornwall. His son,
3. **Thomas Vyvyan**, died 1670, married Mary (West?). She was brought to America as an "indentured person" (from England by Charles West, of Charles City Co., Va.) Thomas had come to America earlier. They were the parents of four children, three of whom were Joel, William, and Robert. Their son,
4. **John Vivian**, d. 1705 (known as Capt. John Vivian of the Middle Plantations, Williamsburg, Va.) His will made 3-14-1705, proved 6-4-1705, Middlesex Co., Va. He married 1st, Margaret Smith. He married 2nd, Christian Hill (widow 1st of Maximillian Petty, widow 2nd, of William Briscoe.) There were no children of the second marriage. The five children of the first marriage were: Charles; John, b. 8-28-1681, m. Elizabeth Thacker, 6-19-1711; Margaret, b. 4-2-1684, m. James Daniel, 1-27-1704; Thomas, d.

1761, m. 1st, Frances Thacker, 1-2-1717—she was a sister of Elizabeth who married John. Their fourth child,

5. **Diana Vivian**, born, died 4-16-1718 (recorded in Christ Church Register, Middlesex Co., Va.), married Garritt Minor, 10-17-1706.

(Continued in the Minor Family)

Arms: Or. a chev. az. between three lions heads erased purp. a chief, gu.

Peculiarities: Insisting on living “distantly” from their neighbors. In early times counted five miles as being “too close.”

WOODHOUSE

1. **John Woodhouse**, Waxham, Norfolk, England, m.
....., had two sons: Sir William Woodhouse, m. Elizabeth Calthorpe (dau. of Sir Philip Calthorpe); and

2. **Sir Henry Woodhouse**, d. 1624, m. Ann Bacon (dau. of Sir Nicholas Bacon and Ann Cooke). Their son,

3. **Capt. Henry Woodhouse**, Governor of Bermuda, 1623-27, m. Their son,

4. **Henry Woodhouse**, born in Bermuda. Went to Virginia 1637. Had four sons and four daughters, among whom,

5. **Elizabeth Woodhouse**, who married Nicholas Meriwether “The Welshman.” Their son,

6. **Col. Nicholas Meriwether**, married 1673, Elizabeth Crawford of Virginia. Nicholas Meriwether went to Virginia in 1667.

(Continued in the Meriwether Family)

Arms: Quarterly ermine and azure, in the 2nd and 3rd quarter a leopard's head, or.

Crest: A griffin segreant, or.

Peculiarities: Swimming against the current, and misquoting, which latter habit has been, I think, overcome.

CRAWFORD

1. **John Crawford**, b. Scotland, 1600, d. 1676. Came to Virginia, 1643. Son,

2. **David Crawford**, b. 1625. Came to St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., Va. Five children, four of whom were: Judith, who

married Robert Lewis, 1675; Angeline, who married William McGuire; David Jr., married Elizabeth Smith; John. David Crawford's first child,

3. Elizabeth Crawford, b. 1656, married Col. Nicholas Meriwether, II, in 1673.

(Continued in the Meriwether Family)

Arms: Gules, a fesse ermine.

Crest: An ermine passant, ppr.

Motto: Sine labe nota. (Distinction without a stain.) A wag of later vintage added: "Keep it clean, boys!"

Peculiarities: Avoiding their own funerals. Many of the members lived over a hundred years.

TALIAFERRO

This is one of the oldest families within the group of families who comprise the list of ancestors for the Lewises, Meriwethers, and Minors. At least they have the oldest legends and it is a mark of the family that so many of the legends have come down to the present day, and there are many early records that show that the Taliaferro name has been connected with stirring events in the ancient world, and one legend has it that a Taliaferro performed a favor for Julius Caesar. The Tuscan family of Taliaferro was of Italian origin. A branch of the family came to Normandy and a member of the Taliaferro family was with William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings, in 1066.

Long prior to the Battle of Hastings, about the year 800, a Taliaferro was given the title of Duke of Angouleme by Charles the Bold of France. Isabella Taliaferro, daughter of the Duke of Angouleme, married King John of England.

The name Taliaferro, (pronounced "Tolliver") and sometimes misspelled "Tolliver" by the clerks in the early courts of Virginia, has long been associated with shipping interests, both in England and Virginia. The first record of the family in Virginia is

1. Robert Taliaferro, Gent., who married a daughter of Rev. Charles Grymes. The first grant of land to him appears to be 1655. They had six children, five of whom were: Francis, who married Elizabeth Catlett; Richard, no record; Charles, no record; Robert, died 1726, married Sarah Catlett; Catherine, who married

Col. John Battaile. The second child of Robert Taliaferro and (Sarah?) Grymes, a son,

3. John Taliaferro, died 1720, married before 1683, Sarah Smith, a daughter of Col. Lawrence Smith. John Taliaferro and his wife had eleven children, ten of whom were: 1. Lawrence, sheriff in 1721; 2. Col. John, b. 1687, d. 1744, m. Mary Catlett; 3. **see below**; 4. Elizabeth, m. John Catlett; 5. Zachariah, died unmarried; 6. Charles, m. Ann Kemp; 7. Sarah, no record; 8. Robert, m. Elizabeth Matthews; 9. Catherine, no record; 10. Richard, m. Elizabeth Eggleston; 11. William, m. Miss Hay. The third child of John Taliaferro and Sarah Smith, a daughter,

4. **Mary Taliaferro**, married **Francis Thornton, Jr.**, and they had nine children (list given in the Thornton Family in this section)—one of whom, a daughter, **ELIZABETH THORNTON**—their ninth child—married Thomas Meriwether, in 1735.

(Continued in the Meriwether Family)

Arms: shield, a chevron gu.

Crest: trunk of an oak tree shooting out young branches ppr. three on one side, two on the other.

Motto: Viresco.

Peculiarities: Detailing the peculiarities of others.

THORNTON

The Thornton family is one of the older families who were ancestors of the Meriwethers. They are a very ancient family and have a long line that has been traced—generation after generation—back to the year 1313. The first Thornton of record is William Thornton, Lord of East Newton, and his birthdate is given as 1313, and his record follows through some eleven generations—all of it through the Thornton line—after which it is reunited with two branches of the family coming back together in an ancestor named Francis Thornton (who died April 12, 1566.) This Francis had a son William Thornton (will dated May 1600) who married Barbara, and they had a son,

1. William Thornton, born 1600, of "The Hills" Yorkshire, England. He settled in Virginia before 1645 and built a home "The Hills" after the Yorkshire, England home. This was in York County, Virginia. He had three sons: William Thornton, Jr., b. 1649, d.

1727. William was married three times and was the father of sixteen children. The third son, Rowland Thornton, d. 1701, m. Elizabeth Fleming, no issue. The second son of William Thornton of "The Hills" of York Co., Va., was

2. Francis Thornton, b. 1651, d. 1726. He married Alice Savage, daughter of Capt. Anthony Savage and Alice Stafford, and they were the parents of eight children:

1. Elizabeth Thornton, b. 1674. No other record.
2. Margaret Thornton, b. 1678, m. William Strother. Had five children.
3. William Thornton, b. 1680, twin to Sarah, m. Frances
Had one son.
4. Sarah Thornton, b. 1680, twin to William, m. Lawrence Taliaferro. Had seven children.
5. **Francis Thornton, Jr.**, b. Jan. 24, 1682, married Mary Taliaferro, daughter of John Taliaferro and Sarah Smith. See note following this listing for an explanation concerning their children, and particularly, that their last child was **Elizabeth Thornton**.
6. Rowland Thornton, II, m. Elizabeth Catlett. Had two children.
7. Ann Thornton, b. 1689. No further record.
8. Anthony Thornton, m. Winifred Presley. Had five children.

Note: Before listing the children of Francis Thornton, Jr., and Mary Taliaferro, this seems to be the place to comment on the difference of opinion existing in some quarters regarding the children of a son of Francis Thornton, Jr., and his wife, Mary Taliaferro. Some of the Meriwether family hold that the son in question—**Col. Francis Thornton, III**, and his wife **Frances Gregory**—were the parents of Elizabeth Thornton, who married Thomas Meriwether. This is the place to say that this could not have been possible. (It is well to keep in mind that the Thomas Meriwether referred to is the one who married Elizabeth Thornton in 1735, and to remember that their first child was Col. Nicholas Meriwether, and that he was born Sept. 1736. He is the Nicholas Meriwether who married Margaret Douglas in 1760.)

Because there were quite a few Francis Thorntons, and for that matter, quite a few Elizabeth Thorntons "around" at about the same time, it would be presumptuous on my part to comment

authoritatively on the question, except to note that the weight of authority is preponderantly in favor of accepting the list as I have given it below—namely, that the Elizabeth Thornton who married Thomas Meriwether was the daughter of Francis Thornton, Jr., and Mary Taliaferro and was the SISTER of Col. Francis Thornton, III. There is no disagreement as to any of the marriages herein listed, it has to do **only** and **solely** with the question of “Who was the father and mother of Elizabeth Thornton—the one who married Thomas Meriwether in 1735?”

The whole argument rests, so it seems to me, upon a misunderstanding of the different number of men who were named Francis Thornton. I have been careful to note the distinction between “Francis Thornton, Jr.” the father, and “Col. Francis Thornton, III,” the son. The first-named married **Mary Taliaferro**; the second-named married **Frances Gregory**. Now for answering the question posed above: The best argument I can present is the important one of the dates of marriage of the parties, and best of all, the fact that “Col. Francis Thornton and Frances Gregory” were married in 1736, precluding the possibility that they could have had a daughter—any daughter—who could have married Thomas Meriwether in 1735. But “Col. Francis Thornton, III” **could** and **did have** a sister, Elizabeth Thornton—and there is no doubt in my mind nor of the experts in the published works that his sister did marry Thomas Meriwether in 1735. In the best clincher I know of, the published record of **Col. Francis Thornton, III, and Frances Gregory** shows they had **no** daughter by the name of Elizabeth.

Below I have listed the children of Col. Francis Thornton, III; the children of Col. John Thornton; and have noted the fact that Col. Reuben Thornton married but did not have any issue by his wife. These three Thornton brothers married three Gregory sisters, and one of them, Col. John Thornton did have a daughter named Elizabeth, but she married John Taliaferro—and what is more important, she was born 1742 or 1743, some thirteen years before the death of Thomas Meriwether, and **eight** years after his marriage to the Elizabeth Thornton under discussion.

I have chosen to give this information here of the difference of opinion existing, and offer what I consider perfect proof of my opinion that the Elizabeth Thornton under discussion was the daughter of Francis Thornton, Jr., and his wife Mary Taliaferro. I am giving the prelude here so that all who desire to enter the

argument may do so—although I warn them that they do so at their own peril, and while there is the old adage that “Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned,” I should counsel them that such a condition is just a “trial run” when compared to getting in the way of a Genealogical Record, which is buttressed by so many dates and “Complications Explained Away”—that it is indeed a brave soul who would enter the arena. I have taken my stand so that all may stand and fire, and I am sure that a great many will not wait until they see the whites of my eyes, but since all of us had and have Revolutionary Heroes as our ancestors, who shall say that we shall not battle at Armageddon with the Lord! A High-Church Episcopalian always genuflects when he enters his pew, and Grandfather Meriwether said “You also do the same when you talk about your relatives.” So, gentle reader, here is the compilation, and notes, of the nine children of Francis Thornton, Jr., and his wife, Mary Taliaferro:

LISTING OF CHILDREN OF COL. FRANCIS THORNTON,
JR., (No. 5, above) AND MARY TALIAFERRO

(Nine Children)

1. William Thornton. No record, other than he built “Montpelier.”
2. Alice Thornton, m. James Taylor, granduncle of President Zachary Taylor.
3. Mary Thornton, m. Nicholas Battaile.
4. Col. John Thornton, m. Mildred Gregory, daughter of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington. Issue, four children.
5. Col. Francis Thornton, III, m. Frances Gregory, a daughter of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington. We agree that this is so, but it is necessary to insist that this man and his wife **did not** have a daughter named Elizabeth Thornton. He did have a sister named Elizabeth Thornton. Given below will be a list of the children of Col. John Thornton, Col. Francis Thornton, and Col. Reuben Thornton. Since these **three** brothers married **three** Gregory sisters, it should be of considerable help to establish that Elizabeth Thornton (who **did** marry Thomas Meriwether—note his **birth and death: 1714-1756**) was the sister of these three Thornton brothers, and **NOT** the daughter of Francis Thornton, III, and Frances Gregory. I should like to call the attention of all members of the family to the fact that Col.

Francis Thornton, III, and his wife Frances Gregory, had six children, and they married in 1736—and more pertinent is the fact that this couple did not have a daughter named Elizabeth. The clincher to the whole matter, in my viewpoint, is that Thomas Meriwether and his wife Elizabeth Thornton (daughter of Francis Thornton, Jr., and Mary Taliaferro) had their first child, Col. Nicholas Meriwether, in 1736 (who married Margaret Douglas)—the **same year** that Col. Francis Thornton, III, was married to Frances Gregory. I have hunted the books of genealogy—through several volumes and endless hours—and in letters written to relatives and all of them agree that the record as set down here is essentially right. Since the record of Col. Francis Thornton, III, and Frances Gregory does not contain even a child by the name of Elizabeth Thornton, and the fact that they were married a year after the marriage of Elizabeth Thornton and Thomas Meriwether, proves conclusively that this Elizabeth Thornton was the sister of Col. Francis Thornton, III. There are five books of current usage which give this information and I cannot accept any record which shows that Elizabeth Thornton was the daughter of Frances Gregory and Col. Francis Thornton, III. I do accept the record that she was the daughter of Mary Taliaferro and Francis Thornton, Jr., and was therefore the sister of the **three** Thornton boys who married the **three** Gregory girls.

6. Col. Reuben Thornton, m. Elizabeth Gregory, daughter of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington. This couple had no children, and after the death of Col. Reuben, his widow married three times.
7. Mildred Thornton, married 1st, Nicholas Meriwether, the son of Nicholas Meriwether and Elizabeth Crawford. He was born July 4, 1699. They had one daughter, Mildred T. Meriwether, who married John Syme. The widow of Nicholas Meriwether, Mildred Thornton Meriwether, married second, Dr. Thomas Walker.
8. Thornton (first name unknown.)
9. Elizabeth Thornton, married Thomas Meriwether, the first child of David Meriwether and Anne Holmes. She married Thomas Meriwether in 1735, almost one year before the marriage of her brother, Col. Francis Thornton, III, to Frances Gregory. After

the death of her husband Thomas Meriwether, Elizabeth Thornton married Col. Robert Lewis, of Belvoir, as his second wife.

NOTE

In what I hope will be a special help to clearing up the confusion surrounding "Elizabeth Thornton," I am listing below the record of the three Thornton brothers and the three Gregory sisters, in the order as given in the preceding listing.

Record of Col. John Thornton(4) and Mildred Gregory

Issue, four daughters: Mildred, born 1739, married Samuel Washington, brother of George Washington; Mary, married General Woodford; Elizabeth, b. 1742 or 1743, married John Taliaferro; Lucy, married John Lewis, only son of Col. Fielding Lewis and Catherine Washington, and they left one child, Mildred Lewis, who married Col. William Minor.

Record of Col. Francis Thornton, III(5) and Frances Gregory

Issue, six children, four sons and two daughters: 1. Francis, married Ann Thompson. She was the widow of Butler Brayne; 2. George, married Mary Alexander; 3. William, married Mary (or Martha) Stuart; 4. John, who married Jane Washington, a niece of George Washington; 5. Mildred, who married Charles Washington, youngest brother of George Washington; and 6. Mary, married 1st, William Champe, married 2nd, Churchill Jones. (Note that they **do not** have a daughter named Elizabeth.)

Record of Col. Reuben Thornton(6) and Elizabeth Gregory

Issue, none. He died 1768. She married three times after the death of her first husband, Col. Reuben Thornton.

This completes the record of three sons of Francis Thornton, Jr., and his wife, Mary Taliaferro. It is my hope that this will help to clear up the confusion regarding the opinion held that Elizabeth Thornton was the daughter of **any one** of the Gregory sisters.

I should like to add one more note to the record for whatever it is worth: Quite a number of years ago Aunt Lou Minor, the genealogist of the Meriwether family, was indulging in some quiet

laughs and telling stories about Mary Taliaferro, the mother of Elizabeth Thornton. In her reading and research into the many records of the family, as well as the stories handed down in the family, it had been stated by hearsay, and referred to in letters, that Mary Taliaferro—whose father and grandfather were sailors—was given, by the accounts told me, to extreme language—bluntly, that she could swear like sailors are supposed to swear, and it seems Mary Taliaferro picked up this robust and congenial habit, and, Aunt Lou insisted, improved upon the habit so well that after she had been dead over 150 years, stories were still making the rounds in the family as to her exceptional ability to rend the air with blue oaths, and that some tender souls within the family (knowing all the words, of course) felt that it was out of order for a “lady” to be so well versed with an art felt to lie entirely within the domain of men, and shall we say, sailors? My reaction to the alarm felt by some of the family is modified quite a bit by the reflection that if you can be remembered one hundred and fifty years later, it does not matter too much upon what grounds your claim to fame may rest. I have just a faint suspicion that some one in the past has tried to cover up the fact that Elizabeth Thornton was the daughter of Mary Taliaferro. I cannot prove this latter point but I am not the first of the family to hold a suspicion! I am glad to officially welcome Mary Taliaferro within the charmed circle: “Come home, all is forgiven!—(Signed) Heath.”

(Continued in the Meriwether Family)

Arms: a chevron between three hawthorn sprays. (In the seventeenth century the sprays were changed to trees.)

Crest: on a wreath argent and sable, a lion's head crossed ppr. gorged with a crown of the first.

Motto: Nisi Christus Nemo.

Peculiarities: Always being right.

DOUGLAS

Since nearly all family records coming from Virginia make use of the **Douglas Register**, and family history dealing with the families of Lewis, Meriwether, and Minor cannot be written without consulting it, little comment seems necessary except to note in passing the ability of the Douglas family to keep in the public eye.

They have been famous in ancient history with their squabbles in Scotland over the Castle (a fine "ruins"), their accusing fingers pointing out the misdemeanors of others, letters hurling the bar sinister without proof, tall stories their family started, which have been ably furthered by later generations; but withal of staunch determination and iron mettle to meet head-on the changes of the particular civilization in which they found themselves, all of which gives rise to an interesting character in the person of the "Parson." See the letters, accounts, and history of the "Parson" elsewhere in this book.

1. William Douglas, m. Rebecca Drummond. Their son,
2. William Douglas, b. 1660, d. 1737. He wrote the song, "**Annie Laurie.**" He married Grisheld McKeand. She died aged 70. They were the parents of seven children, one of whom, a son,
3. "Parson" William Douglas, came to America in 1750. He was a priest of the "Established" (Episcopal) Church. He was born Aug. 3, 1708, in the Shire of Galloway, near Wigton, Parish of Penningham, Scotland. He died in 1798, aged 90. He was married in Scotland to Miss Nicholas Hunter (b. Sept. 1715, d. Dec. 31, 1781), daughter of James S. Hunter and Margaret, on Nov. 27, 1735. They had one child, a daughter:
4. Margaret "Peggy" Douglas, b. April 2, 1737, m. Nicholas Meriwether(5), Dec. 31, 1760.

(Continued in the Meriwether Family)

Arms: arg. a heart imperially crowned ppr. between two buckles az., all within a bordure gules. On a chief of the third, three stars of the field.

Crest: a heart, ppr.

Motto: Fortis et fidelis.

Peculiarities: Castles and objection to eating oats (oatmeal.)

Reason for leaving Scotland: Objecting to eating the same fare as horses.

TERRELL (Originally TYRRELL)

One of the families who are ancestors of Lewises, Meriwethers, and Minors, among others. Has a record reaching into the middle ages. First of record was a Sir Edward Tyrrell, governor of Carisbrook Castle in the years 1376-77. He had a son, Sir Hugh Tyrrell, who married Jane Flambert. Their son, Sir James Tyrrell,

married twice, 1st, Margaret Heron, and 2nd, Elizabeth Flambert. This line follows on down through ten generations that have been given by various books concerning the family, to a son,

1. William Tyrrell of Reading, married
Richmond. They had five children, one of whom, a son,

2. Robert Terrell of Reading, m. Jane Baldwin, 1617. A son,

3. Richmond Terrell, came to Virginia, 1656. His son,

4. Richmond Terrell, II. His son,

5. Richmond Terrell, III; married Nancy Overton, and they were the parents of eleven children. One of the children married a Carr, another married a Minor, another married a Meriwether, one married a Winston, and one married a Fontaine, and for good measure one of them married a Lewis—and all of them are related by one degree or another to the Lewis, Meriwether and Minor families. Following is the list of the eleven children of Richmond Terrell, III, and his wife, Nancy Overton:

1. Richmond Terrell, no record.
2. James Terrell, d. unmarried.
3. William Terrell, m. Patty Winston.
4. Richard Terrell, m. Lucy Maria Carr.
5. Samuel Terrell, d. unmarried.
6. Elizabeth Terrell, m. Frederick Harris.
7. Mary Overton Terrell, m. **Garritt Minor** of "Sunning Hill."
8. Barbara Terrell, married Aaron Fontaine.
9. Ann Overton Terrell, m. **Zachary Lewis, III**, of Bel-air.
10. Rebecca Terrell, m. **Nicholas Hunter Meriwether**.
11. A daughter, m. Patrick Belchers of Hanover Co., and went to Kentucky.

(Continued in Meriwether and Minor Families)

Arms: argent within a bordure engrailed, gules, two chevrons, azure.

Crest: a peacock's tail issuing from mouth of a boar's head, coupé, erect.

Motto: Sans Dieu Rien.

Peculiarities: Spelling. (Inherited by their descendants.)

OVERTON

1. John Overton of Easington. A son,

2. Gen. Robert Overton, b. 1609, in Holderness, Yorkshire, England, a distinguished soldier of the Parliamentary Wars, was a great-grandfather of Mary Overton Terrell and Rebecca Terrell. Mary Overton Terrell married Garritt Minor; Rebecca Terrell married Nicholas Hunter Meriwether, a son of Nicholas Meriwether and Margaret Douglas. General Robert Overton married Ann Gardner, in 1630. Later he was sent to the Barbados in solitude. Their son,

3. William Overton, b. 1638 in England, married Mary Elizabeth Waters, Nov. 1670. The story of this couple began during the turmoil in England, where the gallant General Robert Overton had been cast into prison and all of his name were under ban. As the faithful nurse of Mary Elizabeth Waters brought word of the approach of the soldiers of King Charles searching for William, Mary Waters hid him in one of the secret chambers of her house, then at midnight wrapped in her red cloak and guided by the faithful nurse, she conducted her lover to a vessel bound for the new world, aided by the nurse's son, the Captain of the ship. Mary knew her Catholic parents would never consent to her marrying a "round head," so later, disguised as a gypsy maiden she entered a ship bound for Virginia, and, as the novelists sometimes have it, Love, Life, and Happiness. Young Overton exiled from all that was dear to him was one of the first to board the vessel when it touched at Yorktown to try to find some word of Mary Waters. The captain revealed her presence there and brought them together in marriage. Their son,

4. James Overton, Sr. (1688-1747), married Elizabeth Garland (the widow Truhart), in 1706. They were the parents of seven children, and one of these, a daughter,

5. Nancy Overton, married Richmond Terrell, III.

(Continued in Terrell Record, then Meriwether and Minor Family)

Peculiarities: Not understanding jokes.

FONTAINE

Like so many proud people they felt they suffered unjustly at the hands of their country and sometimes, their friends. The first record is

1. John de la Fontaine, born 1500, died a martyr in 1563. His son

2. James Fontaine. His son,

3. Rev. James Fontaine, pastor of Vause and Royan, married twice, 1st, a Thompson; 2nd, Marie Chaillon. Their son,

4. Rev. James Fontaine, b. 1658, d. 1721, in Dublin; married E. Bossiguot and they were the immediate ancestors of the family in Virginia. Their daughter, Mary Ann Fontaine, was married to Matthew Maury in Dublin, in 1716. They emigrated to Virginia in 1718. Two of her brothers had come to Virginia previously, and one of them,

5. Rev. Peter Fontaine, came to Virginia in 1716, d. 1757. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Wade. They were the parents of eight children. One of their sons,

6. Aaron Fontaine, married Miss Terrell. They were the parents of fifteen children.

(See Terrell Record, then Meriwether Family)

Peculiarities: Willingness to take all the blame, and being "noble" about it.

MARTIAN

1. Nicholas Martian (pronounced Marchen), and it should always be spelled Martian. Quite a few genealogists have been trying their hand at changing the spelling of this name—but I want to observe for their benefit that all records prior to 1900 have always shown the name to be MARTIAN—and most of the older books on genealogy have been careful to note that the name is pronounced "Marchen."

He was born 1591 and died 1657. There is quite a little mirth about his landing before the Pilgrims and the Mayflower in late 1620. According to the story he is supposed to have come on the ship "Francis Bonaventure." It is always hard to deny all of the

history books about the "first permanent settlement" but all the accepted genealogists have given this as a fact about Nicholas Martian. I am afraid quite a few of the later generations must have suffered when they presented their charts showing that the "folks" came over on the Mayflower . . . and then be confronted with the fact that this gentleman got here about four months earlier. Since I have no particular wish to enter a long standing argument, and particularly since I have no proof that it is not so, it will be well to let the record stand. In 1627 Nicholas Martian married Jane (the widow of Edward Berkeley), and their daughter,

2. Elizabeth Martian (1627-1687), m. Col. George Reade, son of Robert Reade and Lady Mildred Windebank. Their daughter,

3. Mildred Reade, m. Col. Augustine Warner II (1642-1681). Their daughter,

4. Elizabeth Warner, m. John Lewis.

(See Lewis Family)

Peculiarities: Knowing you one day and **not** the next.

COCKE

Nicholas Cocke was the immigrant ancestor who arrived from Holland and was naturalized in Middlesex County, Virginia, in 1673, at the same time as Maindort Doodes. The Cocke family was originally from England, but with many others had taken refuge in Holland, and it was from the latter country they emigrated to the Colonies.

1. Nicholas Cocke, m. Jane Curtis, Their son,

2. Maurice Cocke, m. Elizabeth Their daughter,

3. Elizabeth Cocke, married Doodes Minor (1640-1695).

(Continued in the Minor Family)

Arms: Argent, a chevron engrailed gules, between three eagles' heads erased, sable. On a canton, azure, and anchor, or.

Peculiarities: Having none.

CARR

Carr, or Kerr family, date back to the Norman Conquest. "Karre" was a follower of William the Conqueror. The Carr family has always insisted that they were more favored by the English sovereigns, because they "did not have to" come to America as soon as some of the other families. We are trying to give all viewpoints in this book, so that it will be easier for members of the present generation to understand the complexities that they sometimes observe in their fellow kinsmen. "The obverse side of a coin always has the reverse" to quote one of the later generation of Meriwethers, who was related very closely to the Minor family, and sagely observed, "With all thy faults, the Carrs."

1. Thomas Carr, Gent. (meaning "well-off.") Came to Virginia in 1701, died 1714. Married Mary Garland, 1678. Had two sons, one of whom was William Carr, who married 1st, Chiles, and by second marriage to Susannah Brooks, had one son, Gideon Carr, b. Jan. 1, 1712. The first son of Thomas Carr and Mary Garland,

2. Maj. Thomas Carr, b. 1678 in England, d. April 29, 1738. Married Mary Dabney (b. 1-22-1680, d. 9-17-1748), dau. of Corneille Dabney (D'Aubigne) and Susanne They had four children:

1. Thomas Carr, III, 1705-1743. No issue.
2. **John Carr**, of "Bear Castle," Louisa Co., Va., b. 12-26-1706, d. 6-17-1778. Married 1st, Mary Dabney (cousin), dau. of John Dabney and Elizabeth Winston. John Carr married 2nd, Barbara Overton, Dec. 29, 1737. She was the dau. of Capt. James Overton and Elizabeth Garland (widow Truhart.)
3. Agnes Carr, m. 1730, Col. John Waller.
4. **Sarah Carr**, b. 11-14-1714, d. 1772. Married John Minor, of "Topping Castle" in 1732. John Minor was b. 6-29-1707, d. 1755, and was a son of Garritt Minor and Diana Vivian.

(Continued in the Minor Family)

Arms: Gu. on a chevron arg. three mullets sa. pierced.

Crest: A stag's head erased ppr.

Motto: Tout droit.

Peculiarities: "Marrying well."

DABNEY (Originally D'Aubigne)
Huguenots

1. Theodore D'Aubigne, m. Son,
2. Corneille (Cornelius) D'Aubigne, 1640-1701. Married Susanne, 1668. She died 1724. Five children, four of whom were: John Dabney, b. 1669, m. Sarah Winston; Cornelius Dabney, b. 1764, m. 1st in England,, and then after coming to America, m. 2nd, Sarah Jennings (daughter of Charles Jennings), in April 1721; Capt. George Dabney, 1670-1764. m. Elizabeth; Sarah Dabney, m. Isaac Winston. Their fifth child, a daughter,
3. Mary Dabney, b. Jan. 22, 1680, d. Sept. 7, 1748. Married Maj. Thomas Carr (b. 1678 in England, d. Va. April 29, 1738. He was a son of Thomas Carr and Mary Garland.)

(Continued in the Carr Record, then Minor Family)

Arms: Gu. four lozenges conjoined in fesse arg.

Crest: On a tree a mullet.

Peculiarities: Red hair and red herring.

A FEW CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

Page 10—Granddaughter of Dr. Fontaine Meriwether should read “daughter.”

Page 28—Second son of John Clark and wife should read “second child.”

Page 65: Record of Betty Meriwether and David C. Crank should read:

Issue, two children:

1. James L. Crank, born 1879, died 1942. Married Elizabeth Swinney in 1910. They had one daughter, Helen Elizabeth Crank, born 1918. She married Omar Baugh in 1947.
2. Charles Meriwether Crank, born 1881. Married Ethel Shields in 1908. They had one daughter, Helen Sanderson Crank, who married Burdell Millner, and they have three children. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crank live in Eolia, Missouri.

Page 122—(Matter furnished too late for proper insertion in record.) Following is complete data for John Lewis Minor:

5. John Lewis Minor, b. Dec. 12, 1854, d. April 4, 1938. Married 1st, Emma Hobbs. They had one son, who died in infancy. John Lewis Minor married 2nd, Margaret Ellen Bainter, Sept. 24, 1902. They were the parents of two children: 1. Coos Musetta Minor, b. Feb. 2, 1904, married Everett Ellsworth Esterly, Aug. 25, 1935; and 2. William Davis Minor, b. April 27, 1909, married Irene Maybrey, Jan. 14, 1939. They have one daughter, Marilyn Ann Minor, b. Aug. 26, 1940. They live in San Francisco, California.

